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## In remembrance

Virtual ceremonies held to commemorate Memorial Day amid pandemic Page 3

Soldiers place flags near headstones at Arlington National Cemetery in advance for Memorial Day on Thursday.

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Kim

By KIM GAMEL  
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea—In his first reported appearance in more than three weeks, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un presided over a meeting calling for increased nuclear capabilities and putting the armed forces on “high alert,” state-run media said Sunday.

The 36-year-old leader's whereabouts have been closely watched

after speculation that he may have suffered health problems began last month during a similar absence from public view.

Kim resurfaced on May 1 at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a fertilizer factory but was not seen again until the Korean Central News Agency published photos on Sunday showing him overseeing a meeting of the nation's top military-governing body. “Set forth at the meeting were new policies for further increasing the

nuclear war deterrence of the country and putting the strategic armed forces on a high alert operation in line with the general requirements for the building and development of the armed forces of the country,” KCNA said.

“Taken at the meeting were crucial measures for considerably increasing the firepower strike ability of the [North Korean army's] artillery pieces,” it added.

The emphasis on developing nucle-

ar capabilities and military firepower was the latest blow to hopes for a revival of U.S.-led diplomatic efforts to persuade the North to give up its nuclear weapons program.

It also came a day after The Washington Post, citing three anonymous officials, reported that President Donald Trump's administration has discussed whether to conduct the first U.S. nuclear test since 1992.

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## North Korean leader seeks more nuclear strength

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## IBM latest tech giant to cut jobs amid pandemic

Associated Press

ARMONK, N.Y.—IBM told the Wall Street Journal that it is laying off an undisclosed number of workers across the United States.

IBM representatives didn't return numerous calls and emails Friday to confirm the job cuts, which were also reported by Bloomberg.

The already-struggling tech giant's new CEO Arvind Krishna warned investors last month of uncertainty caused by the

COVID-19 pandemic, saying that the company made a "tough decision" to withdraw revenue projections for the rest of 2020. The Armonk, N.Y., company reported a 3.4% revenue decline in the January-March quarter from the same time last year, blaming it in part on how the coronavirus outbreak was affecting sales.

The Journal said that IBM's job cuts could number in the thousands, citing an unnamed person familiar with the company's plans. IBM had about 352,600

employees worldwide as of Dec. 31, according to its annual report. Krishna said in April that more than 95% of them were working remotely.

It is the latest example of the pandemic hitting the tech industry, even as demand rises for online services and computing power to help home-bound people work, learn and entertain themselves online. Hewlett Packard Enterprise announced planned cutbacks Thursday that are likely to cost jobs and reduce salaries.

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates		Switzerland (Franc)	
Euro costs (May 25)	\$1.06	Thailand (Baht)	0.9713
Dollar buys (May 25)	60.8939	Turkey (Lira)	6.8135
British pound (May 25)	\$1.19	(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	
Japanese yen (May 25)	105.00	INTEREST RATES	
South Korean won (May 25)	1,205.00	Prime rate	3.25
Commercial rates		Discount rate	2.25
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3773	Federal funds market rate	0.00
British pound	\$1.2181	3-month bill	0.37
Canada (Dollar)	1.4041	6-month bill	0.37
China (Yuan)	7.1350		
Denmark (Krone)	6.8444		
Egypt (Pound)	15.8999		
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.0896/0.9178		
Hungary (Forint)	7.7556		
Israel (Shekel)	32.13		
Japan (Yen)	107.63		
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3089		
Norway (Krone)	10.0210		
Philippines (Peso)	50.80		
Poland (Zloty)	4.15		
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7580		
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4259		
South Korea (Won)	1,243.69		

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.25
Federal funds market rate	0.05
3-month bill	0.12
30-year bond	1.37

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



### MONDAY IN EUROPE



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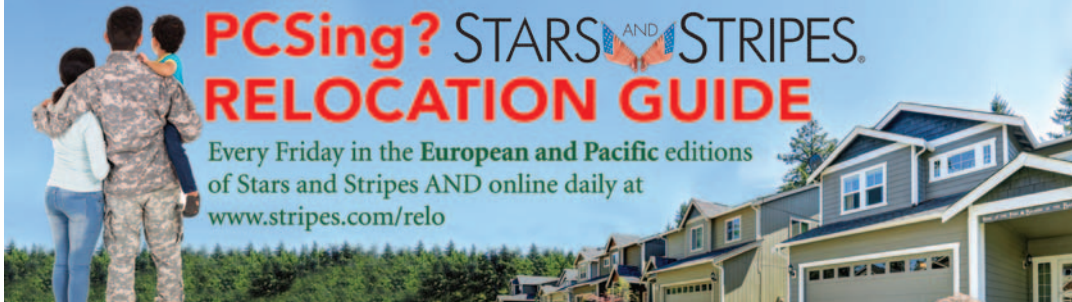
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## MILITARY

## Troops in Europe mark Memorial Day online

By CHAD GARLAND  
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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Few people gathered at the Luxembourg American Cemetery for this year's Memorial Day service due to coronavirus precautions. But the livestreamed event highlighted the difference just one person can make — the only woman buried among the more than 5,000 service members at the World War II cemetery.

Second Lt. Nancy J. Leo, of Cumberland, Md., served as a nurse for 16 months in Scotland, England and France during the tail end of the war. Her service with the 206th General Hospital was an example of humanity and caring amid the inhumanity of war, the Rev. Jean Ehret said during the invocation.

"For how many soldiers was 2nd Lt. Nancy J. Leo the presence of a loving mother, of a caring wife, especially when they were clothed in death?" Ehret asked. "With her, we honor all those women who served during World War II in the Army and at home and we honor all those who fight today in the front line against coronavirus."

The Saturday event was one of several streamed online in Europe as organizations seek to continue a long tradition of honoring the war dead each May, despite the restrictions imposed to prevent the virus's spread.

Pre-recorded Memorial Day events from St. Mihiel American Cemetery and Lorraine American Cemetery were slated to be streamed on Monday at <https://www.facebook.com/stmihiel/>. They are scheduled to begin, respectively, at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. in Europe (8 a.m. and noon Eastern Daylight Time).

The American Legion's Paris Post 1, which began decorating American World War I graves on the first Memorial Day



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Father Jean Ehret giving the invocation.

after the war in 1920, also planned to stream a service Sunday from its mausoleum outside the French capital for the first time. Completed in 1939, the site is the final resting place to some 300 U.S. veterans and their families.

"We're still trying to make the best of it," Bryan Schell, the post commander, said of the situation during a phone interview Saturday.

During the pandemic, technology has also helped the post reach its members, some of whom are spread out throughout France. The post has seen an uptick in attendance at virtual meetings, Schell said, including older members excited by the opportunity to participate in online streaming for the first time.

But despite the increased use of technology, Schell said, the livestreamed Memorial Day event came together somewhat unexpectedly, after a call from Souvenir Francais, an organization responsible for caring for war memorials and gravesites in France.

The American Legion coordinated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Paris



Members of a Marine Corps' color guard from the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg wore masks during a Facebook livestream of the embassy's Memorial Day service at the Luxembourg American Cemetery on Saturday.

and the American Overseas Memorial Day Association, which decorates service members' graves at remote cemeteries in Europe.

Participants at the service in Luxembourg sat in chairs spread wide apart. Though they were few, they were united with many more at other events honoring the legacy of the war dead, as well as those online, said Ehret, a professor of religious studies at Luxembourg's Sacred Heart University.

As a nurse, Leo represented the medical professionals who risk their own health to fight "known enemies and invisible viruses," said Cecile Jimenez, lead medical officer for the U.S. Embassy, who also offered remarks at the ceremony.

"We do these jobs because we are passionate about our work and we care deeply about our patients," Jimenez said. "Above all, we want to help others and do our part to keep the world safe."

Like Gen. George S. Patton, who is also buried in Luxembourg, Leo's life was cut short as the result of a vehicle accident. Upon arriving in France, Leo had called her older sister, also an Army nurse, to tell her she would be visiting her in Paris. But she never arrived — she was killed in a Jeep accident on the way there.

"Nancy never got to visit her sister in Paris or see her mother or her little sister and brother again," Jimenez said. "She did not get to grow old or have a family of her own, but she gave her life in the line of doing what she loved and what was important to her."

In the fight against the pandemic, Leo and other fallen service members can be honored by following their example of making sacrifices for others' sake, Jimenez said.

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## Museums, memorials provide virtual events to commemorate

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AUSTIN, Texas — Despite restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the ritual of Memorial Day must occur, said Matt Naylor, president and CEO of the National World War I Museum in Kansas City, Mo.

"It's right that we do this work of memory and we should," he said Tuesday as the museum finalized preparations to take their traditional in-person ceremony into a virtual setting.

Observed on the last Monday in May since 1971, Memorial Day is intended for the country to pause and honor the people who have died fighting in America's wars and conducting those rituals of memorial services are important regardless of who is watching, Naylor said. The most responsible way to host those events this year is online, he said.

"Even if nobody participated, which I don't think will happen, but if nobody participated, it's right that we do this," he said. "It's both for the community so that the community can participate in ritual that helps them remember and is equally important that we do this in memory of those who

Find a list of online events for Memorial Day at [stripes.com/go/virtualmuseum](https://www.stripes.com/go/virtualmuseum)

lost their lives."

Like many other military- and veteran-focused museums, the WWI museum closed to visitors in March, but as Memorial Day approached, Naylor said he and the staff couldn't let the day pass without recognition.

Retired Army Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, president and CEO of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum in Columbus, Ohio, said their mission is to connect with veterans, and pandemic or not, they intend to do so on Memorial Day.

"We often say in the military, the conditions have changed, but the mission hasn't," he said. "As a veteran memorial and museum, it's about those who we serve and that's those who have served and those who have given ultimate sacrifice. It's a no-brainer to keep going."

Even Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia, which was a focal point during the American Revolution, Memorial Day services will go online and include the re-enactment of history for which it is known.

The ceremony's closing prayer will be presented by Navy Chaplain Candidate Lt. Joseph Feaster, a reservist and full-time Colonial Williamsburg actor-interpreter portraying Gowan Pamphlet, the first known ordained black Baptist preacher.

"Each year Colonial Williamsburg and the local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution present a Memorial Day ceremony honoring fallen service members, including those who rest at various sites within the historic area," said Anna Harry, community affairs manager for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

The virtual commemoration will take place in the Revolutionary War cemetery on the Governor's Palace grounds, where 156 men and two women of military age were buried in 1781, according to a news release from the historic site. The ceremony will include music, invocations, a wreath laying, a musket volley and a moment of silence.

At the WWI Museum, a typical Memorial Day would include activities beginning Friday and wrapping up Monday. This year, the museum will host three events available to view online and one outdoor display that people can

visit while remaining physically distant from one another.

The WWI Museum will begin with a 10 a.m. ceremony scheduled to last about 15 minutes with remarks from Naylor, a color guard and prerecorded remarks from local and state leaders. At noon, the museum will livestream a bell tolling ceremony. Originally located at a federal building in downtown Kansas City, the bell was rung daily by the Daughters of the American Revolution during U.S. involvement in World War I, Naylor said.

At 2 p.m., the museum will stream a ceremony to dedicate bricks to its Walk of Honor. Since May 14, a display of 140 American flags has been on view on the museum's Memorial Mall. The flags represent the number of veterans estimated to die by suicide each week. It is both "beautiful and horrific," Naylor said.

In Ohio, the Veterans Memorial and Museum will host three different opportunities to virtually honor the fallen, including the We Honor Them Together National Virtual Walk/Run, which has more than 600 participants registered in 32 states. A 10 a.m. ceremony presented through Facebook Live will include re-

marks from Gold Star family members and retired Army Gen. Colin Powell, who served as secretary of state and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and a recording of a bugler playing taps in the Memorial Grove.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in Washington, D.C., is aiming to keep their ceremony as close to past events as possible while bringing it to veterans online, said Heidi Zimmerman, vice president of programs and communications for the memorial.

The livestream will occur on Facebook Live and the organization's website at 1 p.m. and will include a presentation of colors, the singing of the national anthem and a mix of previously recorded content. It will also include video tributes to all those on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and a wreath laying. Zimmerman said, "Our world is sort of coming undone at the moment and it would be easy for people to skip through Memorial Day without honoring those who served and died," said Naylor. "It's essential we do all that we can to help provide an opportunity for people to do the work of memory."

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## MILITARY

# DODEA modifies its graduations on Europe bases

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — For Becca Adams and more than 1,400 other high school seniors preparing to graduate from Defense Department schools across Europe, the coronavirus pandemic has upended a traditional rite of passage.

Adams had been looking forward to walking across the stage in the stately Kurhaus, where her school, Wiesbaden High, has held its graduation ceremony for years.

"I know how special that ceremony is and how much it means. It's a beautiful space," Adams said.

Instead, she and others in the class of 2020 will mark the end of this chapter of their lives in non-traditional ways.

Some commencement exercises will be entirely virtual, featuring recorded speeches and video clips of graduates, while others will be live ceremonies with rules meant to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Principals at 21 DODEA schools in eight countries have developed graduation plans along with military officials that incorporate the new normal imposed by the pandemic.

In Wiesbaden, for instance, the Kurhaus can only accommodate 100 people if social distancing rules are followed, and there are more than that in the graduating class alone, not to mention their families.

So instead, Wiesbaden's class of 2020 will have a "drive-in movie-style graduation" that will be livestreamed at a different venue, principal Heather Ramaglia said.

Seniors and their families will drive on to the airfield to the

**“The big thing is trying to get it as fun and as close to what they would have experienced as we can.”**

Heather Ramaglia  
Wiesbaden principal

Pomp and Circumstance March at Clay Kaserne on June 5 and watch recorded speeches, a virtual presentation of diplomas and a class video.

Before the recording begins, the graduates will pick up their diplomas, transcripts and congratulatory notes, and get photos taken in their cars. The event will finish with a parade through Clay's housing area.

"Typically, they would get to walk across the stage, shake my hand, get their photo taken," Ramaglia said. "I think the big thing is trying to get it as fun and as close to what they would have experienced as we can."

The class of 2020 at Naples will walk in the same venue as past graduating classes, with some differences. The 56 seniors expected to participate will sit on chairs spaced 6 feet apart from each other on the stage in Carney Park, a military recreational facility situated in the caldera of an extinct volcano near Naples.

Graduates will wear face masks and only their parents will be able to attend the ceremony, while watching from parked cars. Diplomas will be awarded but graduates won't be able to toss their caps due to distancing rules, principal Fredo Ontiveros said. At Ramstein, a community pa-



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Ramstein High School senior Michael Brink, 18, hugs his mom, Shauna, while getting his photo taken next to a C-130J Super Hercules parked on the ramp at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, on May 18.



Ramstein senior Matthew Oreskovich, 18, gets his photo taken with his cap and gown in front of a C-130J Super Hercules.



Ramstein High School senior Ashah Shannon, 17, wears a face mask while getting his photo taken.

rade for the 218 seniors is planned. Graduation was supposed to be at Fritz Walter Stadium, home of the Kaiserslautern men's soccer team.

The class, along with seniors from Kaiserslautern and Baumholder, had the opportunity last week to have their photo taken in cap and gown in front of a C-130J Super Hercules parked at Ramstein.

Many seniors have also altered their post-graduation plans. Gone

is the traditional college freshman experience with dorm life, canteen food and classes in hallowed institutions, replaced for the first semester at least by online classes and life with relatives.

Gone for others, like Wiesbaden senior Adams, who is graduating at the age of 16, is the plan to take a gap year before heading to the University of Virginia in 2021.

"I've realized that I'm ready for college, and I don't want my gap year to be what my life is now,

where I'm stuck in the house all of the time," she said.

The changes are "a really big let-down," said Ramstein senior Michael Brink, 18.

But the class of 2020 is trying to take the moment in stride.

"It is what it is," Brink said. "We're in the middle of a pandemic."

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## DODEA-Pacific schools plan some in-person ceremonies

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Defense Department high schools in the Pacific are planning limited, in-person graduation ceremonies as some U.S. military bases start to loosen restrictions aimed at curbing the spread of the coronavirus, a spokeswoman said Friday.

The in-person ceremonies will complement the official, online graduation ceremonies planned around the pandemic by Department of Defense Education Activity-Pacific, said DODEA-Pacific spokeswoman Miranda Ferguson.

Attendance at in-person ceremonies is optional, guests will be limited and social distancing enforced, she said.

"The additional ceremonies will vary "based on local environmental conditions and strictly adhere to health and safety guidance," Ferguson said. "Once finalized, principals are sharing their graduation plans with parents, students and the community."

The announcement that additional graduation ceremonies are planned comes a day after DODEA-Pacific said some schools in South Korea are planning optional year-end activities.

While restrictions remain tight at most bases in Japan, the U.S. military in South Korea lowered its health protection condition status and allowed its personnel to return to sit-down restaurants and other

activities, as long as social distancing and other measures remain enforced.

Ferguson said high school principals are working with their district administration and base commanders to plan actual ceremonies.

Guam High School and Kadena and Kubasaki high schools on Okinawa are planning drive-through celebrations at their respective schools, Ferguson said.

Three schools are planning gatherings at base facilities: Humphreys High School at Collier Field House, Camp Humphreys, South Korea; Nile C. Kinnick High School at Berkeley Field, Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan; and Robert D. Edgren Middle/High School at an aircraft hangar on Misawa Air

Base, Japan.

In South Korea, Daegu Middle/High School is planning a ceremony in the school commons, which also serves as the cafeteria. Osan High School at Osan Air Base is holding a ceremony on the school's football field.

In Japan, Zama American Middle/High School is planning a small-group celebration in the school auditorium. E.J. King High School is planning an outdoor ceremony at Nimitz Park on Sasebo Naval Base, Yokota High School at its football field and Matthew C. Perry in its school auditorium at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni.

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## MILITARY

# Marines reduce rotation to Australia

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Fewer than half as many U.S. Marines than originally planned will rotate to Australia's Northern Territory for a training mission this summer that was cut short by the coronavirus, according to the Australian Minister of Defence.

The Marine Corps on May 5 announced the resumption of the rotation to the northern Australian city of Darwin. It had been scheduled to begin in March but was delayed following an order that month from Defense Secretary Mark Esper barring nearly all official movement overseas for Defense Department personnel.

"The modified rotation will involve around 1,200 Marines who will exercise exclusively at Defence training areas in the Northern Territory until September," the Australian Ministry of Defence said in a statement Thursday.

The annual rotation had been slated to involve 2,500 Marines, the same number that headed Down Under last year.

"I am pleased that the modified deployment will proceed this year, following careful planning and preparations undertaken by both Australia and the United States to minimize COVID-19 risks to the Northern Territory," Australian Defence Minister Linda Reynolds said, in the statement. COVID-19 is the respiratory illness caused by the coronavirus that's causing a global pandemic.

Fifty-four Marines who arrived in Darwin in an advance party in



SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

**Australian army Capt. Chris Moroney, wore a U.S. flag patch on his helmet during an amphibious Talisman Sabre drill near Bowen, Australia, in July 2019.**

March have already gone through a 14-day quarantine and begun training with their Australian counterparts.

The first group of additional Marines will disembark at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin in early June, beginning the Australian component of a detailed quarantine and testing regime, the Australian statement

said.

Each Marine will be screened four days prior to departure, the statement said.

"They will then be screened and tested for COVID-19 upon arrival in Australia, before being quarantined for 14 days at specially prepared Defence facilities in the Darwin area," the statement said.

Each Marine will be re-tested at the conclusion of the quarantine period, the statement said.

"The Marines will achieve significant training outcomes with the Australian Defence Force while rigorously adhering to the restrictions in place to safely manage COVID-19 in the Territory," Reynolds said. "This rotation has been able to proceed,

with all the necessary protections related to COVID-19, because of the excellent cooperation between the United States Marine Corps, the Australian Government and the Northern Territory Government."

1st Lt. Bridget Glynn, a public affairs officer with the Marines in Darwin, said Friday that the Marines would not yet announce the units involved in the rotation other than some III Marine Expeditionary Force personnel already in the country and that the equipment they would train with is still being finalized.

Stars and Stripes reported last month that some Marines from 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment out of Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twenty-nine Palms and equipped with M777 howitzers are involved in the rotation.

It's been 6 1/2 weeks since a COVID-19 case was diagnosed in Australia's north, The Northern Territory News reported Thursday.

"The Northern Territory is now effectively coronavirus-free after the last case — an Australian Defence Force member who tested positive while serving overseas — was cleared of the virus today," the newspaper reported.

All 30 cases of coronavirus diagnosed in the state are related to international or domestic travel, and there have been no cases of community transmission, the newspaper reported.

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## Strength: N. Korea denies reports stating low-yield nuclear tests are being conducted

### FROM FRONT PAGE

The issue was raised at a May 15 meeting of national security officials following administration accusations that Russia and China are conducting low-yield nuclear tests, the Post said. No publicly available evidence supports that assertion and both countries deny it, according to the report.

KCNA didn't mention the report or give a date or location for the meeting of the central military commission of North Korea's ruling Workers' Party.

Kim also promoted the ranks of major commanding officers. Ri Pyong Chol, a senior party official in charge of weapons development, was elected as the commission's vice-chairman, KCNA said.

Photos showed him speaking to an audience of uniformed officials as they furiously took notes, pointing a stick at him with a blurred-out image and signing documents.

North Korea has demonstrated major advances in its nuclear program since Kim assumed power after his father died of a heart attack in late 2011.

Kim declared a moratorium on nuclear and missile tests in 2018 as he held summits with Trump and South Korean leader Moon Jae-in. However, he said last year that the North was no longer bound by the moratorium after talks derailed.

The North has conducted several recent short-



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**North Korean leader Kim Jong Un presides over a meeting of the central military commission of the ruling Workers' Party in this updated photo Sunday.**

range missile tests but stopped short of launching an intercontinental ballistic missile, which Trump has signaled would be a red line.

South Korean officials have insisted that rumors that Kim had undergone heart surgery were unfounded.

Earlier this month, the South's spy agency told lawmakers that it believes Kim has reduced his public activities because of concerns about the coronavirus despite the North's insistence that it's not affected by the pandemic.

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## Defects found on warning markers for pilots nearing DMZ border to be restored

By KIM GAMEI  
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SEOUL, South Korea — The U.S.-led United Nations Command said Friday that it will repair several defects found on warning markers meant to keep aircraft from flying mistakenly into the tense border area that divides the Korean peninsula.

The discovery came after the U.N. Command, which oversees the Demilitarized Zone, sent staff to fly the length of the southern boundary to verify that the 877 markers were intact and visible.

"These 877 markers across the Peninsula serve as visual aids to aircraft so they do not mistakenly fly into the #DMZ & #DPRK," the U.N. Command said on its Facebook page, using the acronym for North Korea's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It said the survey "revealed several deficiencies," and posted photos of the red, numbered markers pockmarked with holes and partially hidden by overgrown foliage.

"We will now work with our (South Korean) counterparts to restore bad markers to useful condition," the U.N. Command said.

The probe was launched after a special investigation team "identified a deficiency that contributed to a potential aviation incident involving a civilian aircraft last year," the U.N. Command said.

The U.N. Command is tasked with enforcing the armistice that ended the 1950-53 Korean War after the sides failed to reach a peace treaty. U.S. Army Gen. Robert Abrams, who commands U.S. Forces Korea and the Combined Forces Command, also leads the U.N. Command.

The DMZ, about 155 miles long and 2.5 miles wide, has often been a flash point in tensions between the two Koreas. The aircraft warning panel markers are among the measures in place to prevent accidents or misunderstandings that could escalate into conflict.

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## WAR/MILITARY

# Navy trumpets 7 of its 11 aircraft carriers are now underway

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The Navy on Friday touted the fact that seven of its 11 aircraft carriers are now underway after coronavirus and maintenance issues had beset the fleet in recent months.

"Around the world, we are underway and ready," the service said in a Facebook post featuring a graphic with a large "7" plastered over the photos of carriers Ronald Reagan, Gerald R. Ford, Abraham Lincoln, Nimitz, Harry S. Truman, Theodore Roosevelt and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Aircraft carriers are perhaps America's most visible manifestation of global military might, each operating with its own strike group and able to project power into hotspots.

The USS Theodore Roosevelt was sidelined for almost two months in Guam dealing with a coronavirus outbreak that infected more than 1,100 sailors and killed one. It finally set sail Thursday, but only with essential crew members aboard.

Two other carriers got underway earlier this month.

The Ronald Reagan headed to sea after six months of routine maintenance at its homeport in Yokosuka Naval Base near Tokyo. Seeking to avoid the type of widespread contagion experienced by the crew of the Roosevelt, the

Navy placed Reagan sailors into phased sequestrations of up to 21 days as they transferred to the carrier.

The Abraham Lincoln departed its homeport of San Diego on May 7, less than four months after completing a record-breaking 295 days at sea during its previous deployment. Nimitz got underway from San Diego a day later.

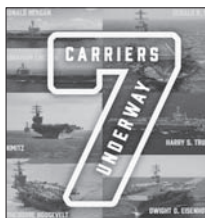
With an eye toward China, the Navy has stepped up publicity over its operations in the South China Sea in the wake of the coronavirus crisis.

China took advantage of the diminished presence of U.S. Navy carriers in the Pacific by twice in April sailing its own carrier, the Liaoning, between two islands of Japan's Okinawa prefecture.

During its second pass through on April 28, the Liaoning was accompanied by two guided-missile destroyers, two multirole warships and a combat-support supply ship.

China also appeared to step up its operations in the South China Sea by carrying out surveys within the waters of Malaysia's exclusive economic zone.

In early April, a Vietnamese fishing boat sank during a skirmish with a Chinese coast guard ship in a disputed area. Vietnam officials claimed that the Chinese boat intentionally rammed the fishing boat, while China said that the fishermen were to blame



U.S. Navy

**The Navy touted on social media Friday that seven of its 11 aircraft carriers are underway.**

for the sinking.

The Navy has been challenged to keep carriers at sea in recent years.

An analysis published by USNI News in September 2018 concluded that during the previous 15 months, the Navy had the lowest number of carrier strike groups underway in 25 years.

In December, the Navy announced that seven carriers were finally underway after half the carrier fleet had spent the fall in a nondeployable state, but the virus waylaid the Theodore Roosevelt three months later.

Among the carriers that had been sidelined last year, the USS George Washington was in the shipyard for an overhaul, while the USS John C. Stennis was awaiting one. The USS George H.W. Bush and USS Carl Vinson were undergoing maintenance, while the Harry S. Truman had to delay departure to sea because of an electrical malfunction.

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# Taliban announces 3-day cease-fire to mark Eid holiday

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KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban have announced a three-day cease-fire across Afghanistan beginning Sunday to mark the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Fitr.

The group's fighters have been ordered not to attack government forces "in any place" during the period unless they are attacked first, a statement by the group released late Saturday said.

Fighters were also advised not to travel into government-controlled territory during the pause, and government troops would not be allowed into insurgent-controlled territory, the statement said.

The announcement followed an uptick in violence across the country since a U.S.-Taliban deal was signed in late February that could see all American troops pull out of Afghanistan by mid-2021.

U.S. officials had expected that the deal would usher in a prolonged period of reduced violence and quickly lead to formal talks between the Taliban and Afghan government on reaching a comprehensive cease-fire. The

insurgents, however, almost immediately resumed attacks on Afghan forces.

The spike in violence and issues such as a dispute over a prisoner release have delayed the peace process by over two months.

Earlier this month, President Ashraf Ghani ordered the military to resume offensive operations against the Taliban, citing a rise in Taliban attacks. Government forces had been observing a purely defensive posture for roughly two months in a bid to advance the peace process.

There was no immediate reply by Ghani to the Taliban's cease-fire announcement, although he had been calling for a cease-fire for months.

The Taliban, Afghan and American militaries observed a period of reduced violence in the week leading up to the signing of the U.S.-Taliban deal Feb. 29. All sides also agreed to separate cease-fires during Eid al-Fitr in 2018, during which Taliban fighters were welcomed into several Afghan cities and posed for selfies with residents.

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# USS Zumwalt fires first rounds from onboard gun in test off California

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Sailors aboard the USS Zumwalt recently fired the first rounds from the destroyer's high-velocity cannon, another waypoint on the ship's segue into naval service.

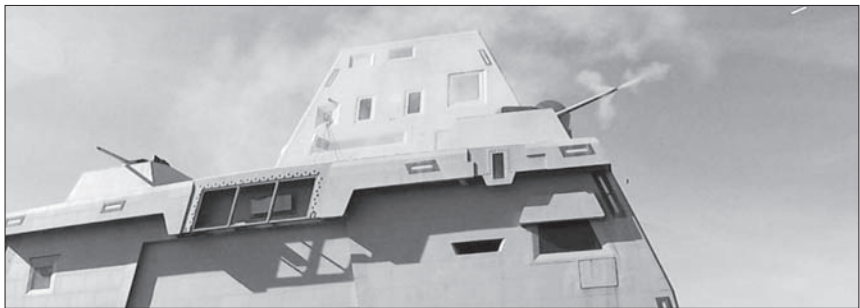
Test firing of the Mark 46 MOD 2 Gun Weapon System took place May 16 at the Naval Air Weapons Center Weapons Division Sea Test Range off Point Mugu, Calif., according to a U.S. 3rd Fleet press release.

The remotely operated system is comprised of a 30 mm high-velocity cannon, a laser rangefinder for shipboard self-defense against surface targets, a forward-looking infrared sensor and a low-light television camera.

"The privilege of being a 'first-in-class' ship includes having the opportunity to systematically conduct testing across the breadth of systems installed onboard the ship," Capt. Andrew Carlson, Zumwalt's commanding officer, said in a Navy statement.

"The real plus is conducting those tests, such as today's live fire with the Mark 46 GWS, which provide tangible evidence of combat capability maturation," Carlson said.

Structural test firing is required for the first ship in a class



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**The USS Zumwalt test-fires the Mark 46 MOD 2 Gun Weapon System during a sea trial off Point Mugu, Calif., on May 16.**

to confirm that a vessel can operate safely while firing its own weapons due to the vibrations and shock caused when firing live ordnance. The test fire is also the first time a Zumwalt-class destroyer shot a large-caliber weapon.

The Zumwalt entered the fleet in April 2½ years after it was commissioned by the Navy in October 2016. Soon after the Zumwalt's commissioning, Congress

prohibited the Navy from taking delivery of a vessel not fully outfitted to its combat capacity, according to a USNI News report April 24.

The Navy originally planned to put 32 Zumwalt-class destroyers to sea, a number trimmed to three as the price of each ship, an estimated \$8 billion, grew after 2005, according to the Project on Government Oversight, a non-partisan, independent watchdog

group based in Washington, D.C.

The high cost of munitions for the original, 155 mm main armament added to the Navy's decision in December 2017 to change the Zumwalt's mission from shore bombardment to surface warfare against other vessels. The destroyer, according to the Navy, is equipped for control of the sea, power projection, deterrence and command and control missions.

It is designed to operate in

open-ocean and near-shore environments.

"Today's event is the first in a chapter of live fire test events over the next year that will prove the lethal capability that these ships will bring to the fight," Lt. Cmdr. Tim Kubisak, Zumwalt test officer, Program Executive Office for Integrated Warfare Systems, said in the statement.

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## VIRUS OUTBREAK

# Air Force delays fitness testing until October

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The Air Force has postponed physical fitness testing for its service members through Oct. 1 as a precautionary measure against spreading coronavirus, according to a memo released Thursday.

The memo, signed by Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, the chief of manpower and personnel services, said that local health conditions would dictate when and how commanders could resume testing after Oct. 1.

Before they allow testing to resume, local commanders must consult with public health authorities and perform a local risk assessment, according to the memo. In it, Kelly authorized commanders to delay testing beyond Oct. 1 if fitness centers remain closed and local movement restrictions remain in place.

Airmen take the test once or twice a year depending on how high they score. Airmen who earn an excellent rating are only required to test once a year; all other categories must complete

the assessment once every six months.

The Air Force fitness test is four events: a waist measurement, timed 1.5-mile run and the maximum number of situps and pushups the airmen can perform in 1 minute per event.

Kelly also suspended the waist measurement portion until Oct. 1, 2021, and the annual height and weight measurements until further notice.

"During this period, all Airmen will receive a temporary, one-year abdominal circumference exemption, and the next scheduled test date will be based on the overall fitness score," the memo stated.

To handle the expected increase in the number of airmen who will be tested when the moratorium is lifted, the memo also temporarily allows physical training leaders to test members of their own squadron, a practice that has been banned for years.

Airmen who are not current, overdue or previously scored an unsatisfactory result on their fitness test have more than a month

to prepare for their next test after Oct. 1, according to Kelly's memo.

"Airmen who are non-current or have an unsatisfactory official physical fitness assessment will not be required to test before the authorized 42-day reconditioning period has expired," the memo stated. "The first day of the 42-day reconditioning period begins 1 October 2020."

The Air Force decision mirrors those of the Navy and Marine Corps, which canceled their fitness assessments on March 18 and April 21, respectively.

"Airmen remain our top priority, and we will ensure their health and safety as we maintain our force readiness posture," Kelly's memo said.

This is the second change to Air Force fitness testing since January, when the service announced that airmen could take up to three diagnostic fitness tests under official conditions, and if they liked their score from any one test, the service would count it as official.

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## Stuttgart marks 3 weeks without a new infection

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STUTTGART, Germany — U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart has gone three weeks without a new confirmed coronavirus infection, military officials said, marking the longest stretch without one in months for a command that once had more than 100 cases.

"We continue to look for the virus," Col. Jason Condrey said in a community announcement Thursday. "The virus isn't gone and we have to be mindful of that."

To stay on top of potential cases, the garrison recently added a rapid testing platform that can process swab specimens in less than a day.

The test will be used for those showing symptoms or people in need of emergency dental treatment, the garrison said.

"With testing capabilities in-house, we should be able to run those results within an 8-hour period and contact them," Stuttgart health clinic commander Lt. Col. Maria Bruton said in a garrison statement Thursday.

Still, the lack of new cases — there has been just one in the past five weeks — is a sharp turn-

around for a military community that in early April accounted for more coronavirus cases than any other overseas base.

On April 8, there were 103 cases in Stuttgart — more than in all of South Korea and Japan combined.

After its initial surge in cases, Army officials in Stuttgart cracked down with strict social distancing rules, limits on when community members could visit places such as the commissary and an extensive testing program.

Some restrictions are beginning to loosen.

Last week, garrison leaders lifted a policy that allowed people to only visit the commissary and post exchange twice a month. And last week, Army leaders relaxed travel limits for personnel in Stuttgart, allowing them to travel freely within Germany so long as trips don't require overnight stays.

Condrey urged community members to continue to wear masks and maintain social distancing vigilance.

"One misstep" could reverse the positive trend, Condrey said.

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## VIRUS OUTBREAK

# Americans, Europeans soak up sun amid new rules

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Associated Press

BERLIN — Europeans and Americans soaked up the sun where they could Sunday, taking advantage of the first holiday weekend since coronavirus restrictions were eased, while European governments grappled with how and when to let in foreign travelers in hopes of salvaging the summer tourist season.

Beach patrols and police watched to make sure people abided by the social distancing rules and spread out on the sand and at parks.

The U.S. is on track to surpass 100,000 coronavirus deaths in the next few days, while Europe has seen over 169,000 dead, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University.

The New York Times marked the horror by devoting Sunday's entire front page to a long list of names of those who have died in the U.S. The headline: "An Incalculable Loss."

President Donald Trump played golf one of his courses during the Memorial Day weekend — the unofficial start of summer — as he urged states to ease their lockdowns.

Across Europe, a mishmash of travel restrictions appears to be on the horizon, often depending on what passport visitors carry. Germany, France and other European countries aim to open their borders for European travel in mid-June. But it isn't clear when intercontinental travel will resume.



ANDREW MEDICINI/AP

Italian police carry out anti-gathering checks along Ostia beach near Rome on Sunday.

Spain, one of the hardest-hit countries and also one of the world's top destinations for international travelers, said that it won't reopen for foreign tourists until July. To boost the economy, the country's leader has encouraged Spaniards to start planning their vacations for late June inside Spain.

"Come July, we will allow the arrival of foreign tourists to Spain under safe conditions," Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said. "We will guarantee that tourists are not at risk and that they don't represent a risk" to Spain.

In Germany, domestic tourists will be allowed to return Monday to the country's Baltic Sea coast

and to hotels in Berlin. But tourism campaigns will require a new approach.

"We don't think people want closely packed big-city bustle at the moment," Burkhard Kieker, the chief of visitBerlin, told RBB Inforadio. His agency has launched a campaign showing "how much green space and how much water there is" in Berlin.

In France, families flocked to the beach at La Grande Motte on the Mediterranean, swimming and sunbathing with 36-square-foot spaces marked off with ropes and wooden stakes to keep people apart. Reservations were required, and there was already a two-day waiting list.

In Paris, where all city parks remain closed, locals soaked up the sun along the embankments of the Seine River and lounged on ledges outside the Tuileries Gardens. In some spots, people sat safely spaced apart. Elsewhere, groups of maskless teens crowded together, shunning off the rules.

Beginning Monday, France is relaxing its border restrictions, allowing in migrant workers and family visitors from other European countries. But it is also calling for a voluntary 14-day quarantine for people arriving from Britain and Spain, because those countries imposed a similar requirement on the French.

Italy, which plans to open re-

gional and international borders June 3 in a bid to boost tourism, is only now allowing locals back to beaches in their own regions — with restrictions.

In the northwestern Liguria region, people were allowed to take a dip in the sea and a walk along the shore, but no sunbathing. In Savona, a dozen people were fined for violating sunbathing bans. Rimini, on Italy's east coast, attracted beachgoers beginning at dawn, and many sat in widely spaced groups. Still, authorities had to work at enforcing distancing on a popular beach in Palermo.

"We cannot forget that the virus exists and is circulating," Deputy Health Minister Pierpaolo Sileri told Sky TG24. "Even if the numbers of new cases are low, we must respect the rules."

For the first time in months, the faithful gathered in the Vatican's St. Peter's Square for the traditional Sunday papal blessing, but they kept their distance from each other. Some 2,000 Muslims gathered for Eid al-Fitr prayers at a sports complex in the Paris suburb of Levallois-Perret, spaced 1 meter apart and wearing masks.

Beachside communities in England urged Londoners and others to stay away after rules were eased to allow people to drive any distance for exercise or recreation. The southern coastal city of Brighton said: "Wish you were here — but not just yet." Wales kept up its "Later" tourism campaign, reminding people that its hotels, restaurants and tourist sites are still closed.

## China to US: Stop taking us to brink of 'new Cold War'

By ANNA FIFELED  
The Washington Post

The United States should abandon its "wishful thinking about changing China" and stop pushing the two countries "to the brink of a new Cold War," Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said Sunday, trying to position Beijing as the grow-up in increasingly fractious bilateral relationship.

With tensions between the world's two largest economies mounting by the day, Wang used the opportunity of a news conference during the annual piece of political theater known as the National People's Congress to send a direct message to Washington.

"China has no intention to change, still less replace the United States," Wang said Sunday before a selected group of journalists. "It's time for the United States to give up its wishful thinking of changing China and stopping 1.4 billion people in their historic march toward modernization."

In and toward President Donald Trump and Secretary of State

Mike Pompeo, who have repeatedly suggested that the ruling Chinese Communist Party is a threat to the world, Wang said that American politicians "are taking China-U.S. relations hostage and pushing our two countries to the brink of a new Cold War."

"This dangerous attempt to turn back the will of history will undo the fruits of decades-long China-U.S. cooperation, dampen America's own development prospects and put world stability and prosperity in jeopardy," Wang said.

Under Trump, whose administration labeled China as a strategic "competitor" in its first national security strategy, Beijing and Washington have clashed over everything from trade and technology to human rights and the status of Hong Kong.

Washington views China as a malign force out to reshape the world in its image, while Beijing thinks that the U.S. is trying to contain its ascent to its rightful place as a global superpower.

This year, the conflict has taken on a new dimension with the

emergence of the novel coronavirus in the Chinese city of Wuhan. Reeling from over 100,000 deaths in the U.S., the Trump administration has been trying to heap the blame for the pandemic entirely on China's ruling Communist Party.

This includes, most recently, a claim by White House trade adviser Peter Navarro that China "sees" hundreds of thousands of people infected with the virus on planes to "seed" the virus around the world.

The Global Times, a newspaper affiliated with the Communist Party, reported Sunday that China was "considering punitive countermeasures" against some American politicians leading the efforts to hold it accountable for the virus.

These included Eric Schmitt, the Missouri attorney general who filed a lawsuit against China seeking compensation for the coronavirus pandemic, and congressmen including Senators Josh Hawley and Tom Cotton, the paper reported, citing anonymous "sources close to the matter."



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A man wearing a protective mask during the coronavirus pandemic crosses Amsterdam Avenue on Wednesday in New York.

## As US nears 100K dead, NY continues downtrend

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The daily coronavirus death toll was slightly above 100 in New York state, but the trend is continuing down, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Sunday.

On Saturday, 109 people died across the state from COVID-19, the Democrat said during his daily press conference. There were 84 deaths Friday.

The number of daily deaths at about 100 over the past week represents a significant drop from

the peak in early April, when the number seemed more likely to hit 1,000 than fall below 100. It peaked at 799 deaths April 8.

Cuomo said that the state was now "decidedly in the reopening phase." And he noted that the state's curve was going down even as many places in the country were rising in deaths.

The latest tally from Cuomo came as the nation's death toll from the coronavirus was approaching 100,000 on the eve of Memorial Day.



## VIRUS OUTBREAK

## Public remarks prompted virus data curator's firing

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The woman who raised questions about Florida's COVID-19 data after being ousted as the data's curator had been reprimanded several times and ultimately fired for violating Health Department policy by making public remarks about the information, state records show.

Rebekah Jones' comments over the past week and a half in emails to researchers, interviews with a handful of media outlets and blog posts have sought to sow doubt about the credibility of the data now that she is no longer in that role.

State health officials strenuously deny any issue with the in-

formation's accuracy as Gov. Ron DeSantis seeks to make a data-driven case for a step-by-step reopening of the state's battered economy following safer-at-home orders. The Republican governor lashed out at a news conference last week saying Jones had a pattern of "insubordination" and should have been fired months ago.

Jones has not alleged any tampering with data on deaths, hospital symptom surveillance, hospitalizations for COVID-19, numbers of new confirmed cases, or overall testing rates — core elements of any assessment of the outbreak and of federal criteria for reopening. And Jones acknowledges Florida has been relatively transparent — for which

she claims some credit — and relatively successful in controlling the pandemic.

She has, however, suggested Health Department managers wanted her to manipulate information to paint a rosier picture and that she pushed back. In an interview late Friday on CNN she finally cited some detail, after several days of vague statements.

She said the state made changes in April to support its initial reopening May 4, for example by altering the way it reports the positivity rate of testing in a way she disagreed with. Instead of showing the rate of all positive tests, it began showing the rate of new positive tests — filtering out people who previously tested positive.

By JAY REEVES

Associated Press

## Ala. loosens more restrictions despite worsening outlook

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — With Alabama's coronavirus caseload worsening while casinos, churches and more reopen, the state's most recognizable person had some stern words about bringing COVID-19 under control.

"You need to be staying 6 feet away from me, and haven't I told you, you have to wear a mask when you're in this building?" University of Alabama football coach Nick Saban, himself wearing a mask emblazoned with "Roll Tide," scolded the school's elephant mascot in a video released as the state reopened more.

Perhaps Saban's rant — which tied the prospects of fall football to disease control in a football-crazy state — will be the thing that makes people see a need for renewed vigilance in a place where life is largely back to normal despite a deepening health crisis.

From the Gulf Coast to the lush Tennessee Valley, Alabama's political leaders and health experts are struggling to make many residents see the continued need for social distancing, crowd limitations and wearing masks after Gov. Kay Ivey reopened much of the economy.

Cases are on the increase, but health officials say it's impossible to determine whether the rise is linked to additional testing or an actual increase in disease. Yet state statistics also show hospitalizations are up since early April, which has some health officials worried.

The situation in Alabama has become worse over the past 14 days, according to an AP analysis of testing data from The COVID Tracking Project. New daily cases have risen to 307 from 268, and the rate of daily tests coming back positive has increased from 6.7% to 7.5%. The Republican governor, like President Donald Trump, hasn't modeled recommended behavior by regularly appearing publicly in a mask. But she has urged residents to do what's nec-

essary to stem the spread of the disease while saying a vaccine could someday be created "right here in sweet home Alabama."

"It takes all of us, y'all, being vigilant, and adhering to these social distancing guidelines in order to stop the spread of this disease," she said.

So far, it's unclear whether Ivey's calls for "personal responsibility" have had much of an effect as businesses and other gathering places reopen with restrictions on capacity and sanitation.

The parking lots outside some Birmingham-area restaurants and breweries are filling up again, and the state's beaches have been packed since reopening April 30. About two dozen adults and children filled a reopened suburban playground Friday; no one wore a mask, and no one was cleaning the slides and swings between uses.

Some people are trying to stay 6 feet apart, as required under state orders, but others aren't. In many public places, it's rare to see a covered face.

"As I've gone out to some of these retail stores, I've noticed that people are not wearing masks," Dr. Rachael Lee, an infectious diseases expert with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, told an online news conference.

As of Friday, more than 13,400 people had tested positive for the coronavirus in Alabama, and 533 had died. Most people recover from COVID-19, but patients with other health problems and the elderly are particularly susceptible.

Meanwhile, state unemployment has reached levels not seen in decades. Alabama's jobless rate jumped to 12.9% in April during the economic shutdown linked to the coronavirus pandemic, the worst in nearly 38 years, the state said.

The state's overall health trend worries disease experts, including Lee. Jefferson County had its highest case count yet last week, she said, and the capital of Montgomery, where about 200,000 people live, is looking like a disease hot spot.



JASON LEE, THE SUN NEWS/AP

## Pandemic precautions

The King family, including members from North Carolina and Pennsylvania, make their way up Ocean Boulevard wearing face masks for protection. Some family members said it was scary to be out during the pandemic, but agree that they needed a dose of freedom Saturday in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

## Second hairstylist at Mo. Great Clips sick with COVID-19

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — A Springfield hairstylist served 84 clients over eight days while experiencing symptoms of coronavirus, and now a coworker is sick, health officials said.

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department announced in a Facebook post Saturday that 56 other Great Clips clients were potentially exposed by the second stylist.

The announcement came one day after the health department's director, Clay Goddard, said in a news briefing that the

first stylist to get sick worked eight days from May 12 to May 20, with only the 18th off. The coworker then worked five shifts from May 16 to 20 while experiencing very mild symptoms.

All of the two stylists' clients wore masks and will be tested. The owner of the Great Clips said in a statement that the salon will be closed until it goes through sanitizing and deep cleaning.

The two cases came just days after city officials announced plans to relax even more distancing requirements and about a week after the health department started seeing an influx of new travel-related

infections.

Goddard said health officials still had enough capacity to pinpoint the origin of infections and potential spread, although that could change, the Springfield News-Leader reported.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services on Saturday reported 194 new confirmed cases of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 11,752 since the pandemic began. Five new deaths brought that total to 671.

Antibody, or serology, tests show whether a person has ever had COVID-19. A viral, or PCR test, shows whether a person

is actively infected with the virus.

In statewide data Friday, Missouri reported about 6.5% of tests conducted in the state were positive. After separating the two types of test, however, the data showed that 8.3% of PCR tests were positive and 4% of antibody tests were positive.

"As we continue to learn more about this virus and new tests emerge, we will continue providing better data with greater clarity and transparency to help Missourians make the best decisions for their health care possible," said Randall Williams, director of the health department in a news release about the changes.

## VIRUS OUTBREAK

# Muslims observe major holiday as curfews are held

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Muslims around the world Sunday began celebrating Eid al-Fitr, a normally festive holiday marking the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, with millions under strict stay-at-home orders and many fearing renewed coronavirus outbreaks. The three-day holiday is usually a time of travel, family get-togethers and lavish daytime feasts after weeks of dawn-to-dusk fasting. But this year many of the world's 1.8 billion Muslims will have to pray at home and make do with video calls.

Some countries, including Turkey, Iraq and Jordan, have imposed round-the-clock holiday curfews. But even where many restrictions have been lifted, celebrations will be subdued because of fears of the pandemic and its economic fallout.

Saudi Arabia, home to the holy cities of Mecca and Medina, is under complete lockdown, with residents only permitted to leave

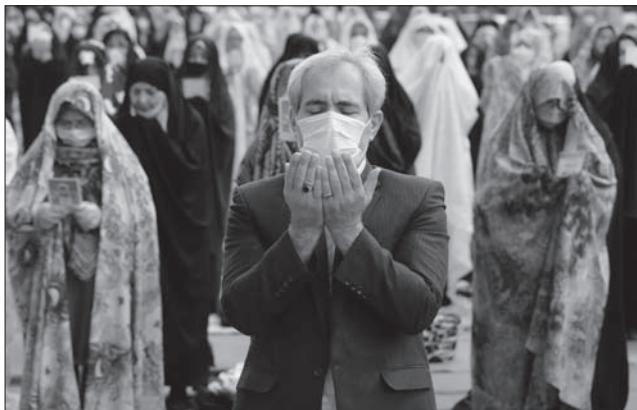
their homes to purchase food and medicine.

In Jerusalem, Israeli police said they broke up an "illegal demonstration" and arrested two people outside the Al-Aqsa mosque, which Muslim authorities have closed for prayers since mid-March and will not reopen until after the holiday. Worshipers who tried to enter the compound clashed with the police.

Al-Aqsa is the third holiest site in Islam and would ordinarily welcome tens of thousands of worshipers during the Eid. The hilltop compound is also the holiest site for Jews, who know it as the Temple Mount. The site has long been a flashpoint in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Iran, which is battling the deadliest outbreak in the Middle East, allowed communal prayers at some mosques but canceled the annual mass Eid prayers in Tehran led by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Iran has reported over 130,000 cases and more than 7,000 deaths.

In Dubai, the skyscraper-studded commercial hub in the



VAHID SALEMI/AP

Worshippers wearing protective face masks offer Eid al-Fitr prayers outside a mosque to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus, in Tehran, Iran, on Sunday.

United Arab Emirates, authorities set up barricades and police checkpoints around an industrial area housing foreign laborers. The Emirates is trying to reopen its hard-hit economy, but cases continue to rise. The UAE has reported over 28,000 confirmed cases and 244 deaths.

Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim-majority nation, has reported nearly 22,000 infections and 1,350 fatalities, the most in Southeast Asia. Lockdown orders intended to contain the pandemic mean there will be no congrega-

tional prayers at mosques or even open fields, no family reunions, no relatives bearing gifts for children.

"This outbreak is not just dampening spirits of Eid, but also has made the tradition entirely different," said Andieka Rabbani, a university student in Jakarta. This year, like many Indonesians, he will only see family and friends through video calls.

In neighboring Muslim-majority Malaysia, businesses have mostly reopened after weeks of lockdown. But mass gatherings

are still banned and people are not allowed to travel back to their hometowns for the holiday. Police have turned away more than 5,000 cars and have warned of strict penalties for those who try to sneak home.

Malaysians are only allowed to visit relatives who live nearby, and only on Sunday, with gatherings limited to 20 people. Mosques have reopened but are limited to small congregations of up to 30. Malaysia has reported 7,185 infections and 115 deaths.

## Pastor takes his service to balconies across Kenya

By TOM ODULA  
Associated Press

KIAMBUI, Kenya — A groovy rendition of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" blasts from speakers outside an apartment block in the outskirts of Kenya's capital, Nairobi.

Children, some in diapers, dance on the balconies above, accompanied by their parents, to the tunes belted out by Rev. Paul Machira and a supporting band.

Coronavirus restrictions don't stop Machira in a country where traditional church services have been suspended. The man who calls himself a "children's preacher" calls out Bible lessons between songs.

Machira has taken his "Balcony to Balcony" service on the road since Kenya's first case was found in mid-March. It has become quite popular, the preacher at the All Saints Cathedral of the Anglican Church of Kenya said.

"When corona opened its floodgates to Kenya and the world, one of the things that was quickly cut off is the fellowship of believers," he said on a recent afternoon. "But I also think this is the greatest opportunity that has ever arisen to the



BRIAN INGANGA/AP

Rev. Paul Machira preaches and sings to residents in an apartment block in Nairobi, Kenya, on May 17.

church, reason being we have got reason to go out on the streets. ... Jesus sometimes would go to the temple but his main ministry was out in the fields, out in the streets," he added.

Many children in Kenya do not have access to church services online, he said.

Machira said the idea for the mobile service came from Lilian Mbere, a Sunday school teacher who had tried to get children to sing hymns from their balconies to reduce the monotony of staying at home.

Mbere said she found the response overwhelming and invited Machira to conduct a service.

"I have seen a lot of growth in the children," she said. "When I sometimes delay and I am not in my balcony by 2 p.m., they usually come asking if they are having a service today. It's like a way of life for now. ... Sometimes when I am in my house I can hear them singing the songs we have taught them."

Machira said the "Balcony to Balcony" service has visited 16 locations, and his team has two requirements before arriving. The housing should have balconies so social distancing measures can be observed. And everyone at the compound must consent to the service's presence.

## Jerusalem opens Holy Sepulcher after its closure

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher reopened to visitors Sunday after a two-month closure due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The church, situated in Jerusalem's Old City, is the site where many Christians believe Jesus was crucified, entombed, and resurrected. The Christian authorities managing the site closed it to visitors in March to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, but clerics maintained prayers inside the shuttered church throughout its closure.

On Sunday, church authorities limited entrance to 50 people at a time and required that those entering the cavernous site maintain social distance and avoid touching any of the church's stones, icons or other religious items. A typical day before the virus outbreak would bring thousands of faithful who kissed or placed their hands along the church's surfaces.

As priests from the various Christian sects entered the church, a handful of faithful waited outside for the basilica's church to open for the public.

Israeli authorities have gradually reopened schools, houses of worship and markets as the spread of the novel coronavirus has slowed. Israel's Health Ministry has reported over 16,700 confirmed cases of the disease and 279 deaths. More than 14,000 have recovered.

## VIRUS OUTBREAK

# Poll: Many in US won't return to gym, dining out

By JOSH BOAK  
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Much of the country remains unlikely to venture out to bars, restaurants, theaters or gyms anytime soon, despite state and local officials across the country increasingly allowing businesses to reopen, according to a new survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

That hesitancy in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak could muffle any recovery from what has been the sharpest and swiftest economic downturn in U.S. history. Just 42% of those who went to concerts, movies, theaters or sporting events at least monthly before the outbreak say they'd go in the next few weeks if they could. Only about half of those who regularly went to restaurants, exercised at the gym or traveled would feel comfortable doing so again.

About a quarter of Americans said that someone in their household has lost a job amid the downturn, and about half have lost household income, including layoffs, pay cuts, cut hours or unpaid time off. The majority of those whose household suffered a layoff still believe that they will return

to their previous employer, but the share expecting their job will not return has risen slightly over the past month, to 30% from 20%.

Amber Van Den Berge, a teacher in Indiana, held off on immediately returning to her second job as a fitness instructor. She would need to pass a test for COVID-19, get her temperature checked each morning and lead classes while wearing a protective mask.

"Wear a mask to teach a fitness class? I'm not ready for that," said Van Den Berge, 39.

The speed and strength of any economic rebound could be thwarted because many fear the risk of new infections. Consumers make up roughly 70% of U.S. economic activity, so anything less than a total recovery in spending would force many companies to permanently close and deepen the financial pain for 39 million people who have lost jobs in roughly the past two months.

Forty-nine percent of Americans approve of how President Donald Trump is handling the economy, the poll shows. That has slipped over the last two months, from 56% in March. Still, the issue remains a relative positive for Trump, whose overall approval rating stands at 41%.

## Yokota first responders, USAF band parade for families stuck on base

By THERON GODBOLD  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Months into life under restricted movement to stem the coronavirus, first responders and the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific-Asia went on a morale mission around the home of U.S. Forces Japan.

All-terrain vehicles, bicycles, police cars, an ambulance and a fire truck with lights blazing and sirens sounding started at the housing area on the west side of Yokota, which is also home to the 374th Airlift Wing, and 5th Air Force. With the band aboard a flatbed truck, the parade wound its way to the central and east side housing areas from noon to 3 p.m.

"I was inspired by my need to promote unity in my community," said Airman 1st Class Gabrielle Jones, the Yokota crime prevention manager. Jones organized the parade to mark National Military

Appreciation Month, she said.

Jones said that she hoped the event, on the advent of Memorial Day weekend, would "bring us closer together in a different way."

The parade also brought some light and sound to an otherwise mundane existence under strict orders to wear face masks indoors, stay away from nonessential off-base businesses and drive only to and from homes and workplaces.

"It was awesome," Angela Bloom, a military spouse, said. "All the kids were super excited. It was the highlight of the year." She said that the coronavirus restrictions, imposed by base commander Col. Otis Jones, were tough but doable.

"I think it was perfect for the situation we're in," she said. "Everyone is outside; I hope they do something like this for the Fourth of July."

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KEITH SHAKOIC/AP

The statue of Public Broadcasting Service's Fred Rogers, the host of children's program "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," is seen Friday in the closed-off park area where the statue is located, during this year's "1-4-3 Day," the 143rd day of 2020, in Pittsburgh.

## Pa. honors Mister Rogers with annual #143Day of kindness

Associated Press

Mister Rogers would have liked it: a day to be extra kind to your neighbors.

The day was Friday — Pennsylvania's second annual 1-4-3 Day, an occasion when state officials encourage people to share their acts of kindness and gratitude. This year, a focus was first responders and essential workers who are at high-risk of contagion during the coronavirus pandemic.

The initiative began last year when Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf declared the 143rd day of the year a day of kindness in honor of the state's beloved kindness patron and promoter, Fred Rogers, who spent most of his life in and around Pittsburgh. The number had special meaning to Rogers, reflecting the number of letters in his favorite phrase, "I

love you."

This year, the state launched a website asking residents to share their good deeds — from buying a meal for a neighbor to writing a thank you note for a mail deliver — under the hashtag #143DayInPA.

"Acts of kindness should be happening always, but this is a way where there is encouragement to track it, to share it," said Gisele Fetterman, wife of Pennsylvania's lieutenant governor, John Fetterman.

She is the founder of the Free Store 15104, which provides free food, clothing and other essentials to the community in Braddock, a small hard-scrabble steel town near Pittsburgh. Since the store was forced to temporarily close during the pandemic, she has helped raise more than \$20,000 in supermarket gift cards for people in need.

"My wife is a walking 1-4-3 every day," said her husband, the former mayor of Braddock.

Growing up, the couple said that they were inspired by "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" and its lessons of love, generosity and kindness for kids and adults.

"For me, Mister Rogers is very personal. I learned to speak English watching Mister Rogers when I was a young immigrant in this country, never knowing I'd end up in Pittsburgh," said Gisele Fetterman, who came to the United States with her family from her native Brazil as an undocumented immigrant and later became a U.S. citizen.

"One of my earliest memories was watching Mister Rogers on TV," her husband said. "Fifty years later, that message is not only still relevant, but more relevant and necessary than ever today."

## Supreme Court chief justice tells seniors pandemic teaches humility, compassion

By MARK SHERMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice John Roberts told graduating seniors at his son's high school that the coronavirus has "pierced our illusion of certainty and control" and he counseled the students to make their way with humility, compassion and courage in a world turned upside down.

"Humility. The pandemic should teach us at least that," Roberts said in a seven-minute video message posted Saturday on the website of the Westminster School in Simsbury, Conn., where his son, Jack, is a senior.

Roberts didn't talk at all about the Supreme Court's hefty load of high-profile cases that include disputes over President Donald Trump's taxes, abortion, LGBT rights and protections for young immigrants.

Instead, Roberts, 65, said that students should show compassion, and not just for those who were sickened by or died of the virus.

"Others are suffering, too, and many will be for a long time. Those who have lost jobs or small businesses or whose hopes and dreams may be slowly drifting out of reach," he said. Roberts said that people they encounter even years from now "may bear

scars you cannot see."

He also told members of the Class of 2020 that they will need courage in this uncertain time. "This is your moment, your time to begin leaving your mark on the world," he said.

The virus outbreak forced big changes at the Supreme Court, where the justices heard arguments by telephone earlier in May and made live audio available, both for the first time.

Some justices participated from home, Roberts said, and he said that someone asked him if his colleagues wore their robes. Roberts said that he was left to wonder, "judicial or bath?"



## NATION

# Fire destroys warehouse in San Francisco

By DAISY NGUYEN  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A fire engulfed a warehouse on San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf early Saturday, sending a thick plume of smoke over the waterfront and threatening to spread to a historic World War II-era ship before firefighters brought the flames under control.

One firefighter sustained a hand injury while battling the fire at the warehouse the size of a football field on Pier 45, San Francisco Fire Lt. Jonathan Baxter said.

Baxter said after the fire subsided, investigators scoured the building to determine whether homeless people were inside.

"That is something of grave concern. That is why we're actively trying to confirm if anybody saw anybody in this building," he told KGO-TV.

"To our knowledge ... nobody is supposed to be in the building and we are hoping ... that there is no victim," he said.

However, at least two workers told the San Francisco Chronicle they were inside the fish processing and storage warehouse when the fire broke out before dawn.

Alejandro Arellano, who works

for La Rocca Seafood, was cleaning out a fish storage locker when the fire began, shortly after 4 a.m.

"I saw a lot of smoke. A few minutes later, fire everywhere," he said. "It was very, very scary. I've never seen anything like it."

The fire tore through the warehouse near the end of the concrete pier, causing its walls to collapse, Baxter said. The flames singed the first fire truck to respond to the scene, forcing firefighters to turn their hoses on the vehicle to save it, he said.

More than 130 firefighters fought the flames, with some using ladder trucks to drench the warehouse from above. A fire boat was used to protect the SS Jeremiah O'Brien, a liberty ship that stormed Normandy on D-Day in 1944.

"Our firefighters absolutely saved the SS Jeremiah O'Brien during this fire as flames were pinching on the side of this vessel," Baxter said.

The ship docks at Pier 45 and is among numerous tourist attractions on the wharf, a maritime hub for cruises around San Francisco Bay as well as fishing boats hauling in the catch of the day. Visitors come for the Dungeness crabs, clam chowders served



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A warehouse fire burning at San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco early Saturday.

in sourdough bread bowls, the sea lions that hang out on the floating docks and shops and curiosities on Pier 39.

Shops and restaurants on the wharf have been shut by the city's stay-at-home order to slow the spread of the coronavirus and were expected to reopen on May 31.

The fire was confined to the

end of the pier, well away from the Musée Mecanique and its historic arcade games and the popular restaurant Alioto's.

Coast Guard crew members and police assisted by keeping other vessels away from the pier.

Fire investigators were assessing any damage to the pier and were looking into the cause of the blaze, Baxter said.

## Police: Mom faces murder charge after fake kidnapping

By CURT ANDERSON  
AND ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON  
Associated Press

MIAMI — A Miami woman faked her son's abduction after trying to drown him twice, with witnesses rescuing the boy from a canal the first time, and the second attempt ending in the boy's death, officials said Saturday.

Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle said Patricia Ripley, 45, is facing attempted and premeditated murder charges and being held in jail with no bond.

The boy, Alejandro Ripley, 9, was autistic and nonverbal. He was found floating in a canal Friday.

In an interview Saturday, Fernandez Rundle said Ripley apparently tried to drown her son an hour earlier at a different canal but nearby residents heard yelling and rescued him. Then, Fernandez Rundle said, Ripley drove her son to another canal.

"Unfortunately when she took him to the second canal, and there was no one there," Fernandez Rundle said in an interview with The Associated Press. "She tried it once, and people rescued him. He was alive. He could have stayed alive. She intended, from all the facts of the case, to kill him."

Fernandez Rundle said an autopsy was being done on the boy Saturday to determine if he had other injuries or perhaps had something toxic in his system. She said no decision has been made yet on whether prosecutors will seek the death penalty.

## Jeff Sessions, running for Senate, rejects Trump's criticism

By KIM CHANDLER  
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Jeff Sessions pushed back at President Donald Trump criticism Saturday, telling Trump that he was "damn fortunate" Sessions received himself from the Russia investigation.

Sessions responded pointedly on Twitter after Trump called Sessions untrustworthy and reiterated his endorsement of Sessions' Republican primary rival for U.S. Senate, former Auburn University football coach Tommy Tuberville.

"Look, I know your anger, but recusal was required by law. I did my duty & you're damn fortunate I did. It protected the rule of law & resulted in your exoneration," Sessions tweeted in response to Trump.

Sessions added, "your personal feelings don't dictate who Alabama picks as their senator."

Trump fired back Saturday evening, tweeting that Sessions should "drop out of the race."

"Jeff, you had your chance & you blew it," Trump tweeted. "Recused yourself ON DAY ONE (you never told me of a problem),

and ran for the hills. You had no courage, & ruined many lives."

Sessions has long defended the recusal but had largely avoided engaging Trump's tweeted scorn as he emphasizes his continuing loyalty to Trump and his agenda. Sessions has gone on the offensive about the recusal, which drew Trump's ire and has been a lingering obstacle as Sessions seeks the U.S. Senate seat that he held for two decades.

"3 years ago, after Jeff Sessions recused himself, the Fraudulent Mueller Scam

began. Alabama, do not trust Jeff Sessions. He let our Country down. That's why I endorsed Coach Tommy Tuberville (@TTuberville), the true supporter of our #MAGA agenda!" Trump tweeted.

Sessions was Trump's first attorney general, a position he was forced to resign when his recusal from the Russia inquiry prompted a fallout with Trump. Sessions said he was required by law to recuse because he was a potential subject and witness since he had participated in Trump's 2016 campaign.

## Joe Biden wins Hawaii presidential primary delayed by virus

By AUDREY McAVOY  
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Joe Biden won the Democratic Party of Hawaii's party-run presidential primary on Saturday, which was delayed by more than a month because of the coronavirus.

Biden defeated Vermont Sen.

Bernie Sanders 63% to 37%.

Biden won 16 of Hawaii's delegates and Sanders will take eight. Biden has a total of 1,566 delegates to the party's national convention, according to the count by the Associated Press. He needs 1,991 delegates to win the nomination, a threshold he is projected to reach in June.

A total of 35,044 voters cast ballots in the party-run primary. All ballots were cast by mail.

The party had initially planned to hold the primary on April 4 and had expected most party members would vote by mail and some would cast ballots at about 20 in-person polling sites around the state.

It began mailing ballots to registered party members in early March back when Sanders and Biden were the two front-runners and Hawaii Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard was still maintaining her long-shot bid for the nomination.

But concerns about the spread of the coronavirus forced the

party to announce on March 20 it would cancel plans for in-person voting and allow only mail ballots. To give those who expected to vote in person on April 4 a chance to cast a ballot, the party said it would mail another round of ballots to members and wait until late May for them to be returned and counted.

## WORLD

# Police, protesters clash in Hong Kong

By ZEN SOO  
Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong police fired tear gas and a water cannon at protesters in a popular shopping district on Sunday, as thousands took to the streets to march against China's proposed tough national security legislation for the city.

Pro-democracy supporters in Hong Kong have sharply criticized the proposal last week to enact a national security law that would ban secessionist and subversive activity, as well as foreign

interference, in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory. Critics say it goes against the "one country, two systems" framework that promises the city freedoms not found in mainland China.

Crowds of demonstrators dressed in black gathered Sunday afternoon in Hong Kong's Causeway Bay district to protest the proposed legislation.

The protest was a continuation of a monthslong pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong that began last year and has at times descended into violence between police and protesters.



VINCENT YU/AP

**Riot police use pepper spray on protesters during a demonstration against Beijing's national security legislation Sunday in Hong Kong.**

At least 120 people were arrested, mostly on charges of unlawful assembly, police said in a Facebook post.

They also said in a separate

post that protesters threw bricks and splashed unidentified liquid at officers, injuring at least four members of the police's media liaison team.

## Alligator rumored to have been Hitler's dies

An alligator that many people believe once belonged to Adolf Hitler has died in the Moscow Zoo. The zoo said the alligator, named Saturn, was about 84 years old when it died Friday.

According to the zoo, Saturn was born in the United States and later sent to the Berlin Zoo, from which he escaped when the zoo was bombed in 1943. His whereabouts were unknown until 1946, when British soldiers found him and gave him to the Soviet Union, the zoo said.

"Almost immediately, the myth was born that he was allegedly in the collection of Hitler and not in the Berlin Zoo," the zoo said in a statement. But, it noted, "animals are not involved in war and politics and it is absurd to blame them for human sins."

From The Associated Press

## Libyan commander says battle for Tripoli will continue despite losses

Associated Press

CAIRO — The military commander of eastern Libya-based forces said Saturday that they will continue fighting forces loosely allied with the U.N.-supported government in Tripoli, even

though his campaign has suffered setbacks in recent weeks.

Khalifa Hifter, commander of the self-styled Libyan Arab Armed Forces, has been waging a campaign for over a year trying to capture the capital.

The military tide has been reversed in recent weeks, and his forces lost several towns and a key airbase.

In a two-minute audio speech addressed to his forces, Hifter said they "will fight and fight"

against what he called "Turkish colonialism."

Turkey is aiding the embattled government in Tripoli.

It has recently stepped up its military support with armored drones, air defenses and Syr-

ian mercenaries with links to extremist groups.

That has helped turn the tide against Hifter's forces, which are backed by the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Russian mercenaries.

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# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Bullied student to get \$900K in settlement

**IA** DES MOINES—A suburban Des Moines school district and a former student have reached a \$900,000 settlement in a lawsuit filed by another student who suffered permanent brain damage after being attacked at school.

Audrey Vacek will receive \$880,000 from the Ankeny Community School District and \$20,000 from the alleged bully, Mallory Schaubhut, under a settlement approved in late April, the Des Moines Register reported.

Vacek said in the lawsuit that Schaubhut had threatened and verbally abused her for a year before punching her in the face and slamming her head against a concrete wall at the school in 2016.

Vacek, now 20, is doing well in college but requires "a lot of support," said her attorney, Roxanne Conlin.

## Man arrested after stealing 12 beehives

**MO** NEW CAMBRIA—Police in northern Missouri arrested a New Cambria man accused of stealing a dozen beehives over four counties.

Ricky Elam was arrested after the execution of a search warrant near his home that turned up the stolen beehives, television station KTVO reported. Authorities in Macon, Linn, Schuyler and Randolph counties said they had fielded numerous reports of stolen hives over the last year.

The search warrant was issued after a beekeeper in Macon County installed a GPS tracker in one of his hives after experiencing a theft, authorities said.

## Man, 75, suspected of making meth, heroin

**OR** SALEM—A 75-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of manufacturing methamphetamine and heroin.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office deputies searched a home west of Salem in Otis and found stolen property including firearms that had been taken during recent burglaries in the north Lincoln County area, the Statesman Journal reported.

When they searched James Golden's car, they found 200 grams of meth and 10 grams of heroin, a large sum of money and packaging materials, authorities said.

## Five ducklings rescued after mother killed

**NY** NEW YORK — Five ducklings going through the worst days of their new lives were rescued from the treacherous Central Park waters in which a snapper turtle is believed to have killed their mother.

The baby mallards were floating bait for what lie beneath in one of the manufactured ponds of New York City's nature haven. The birds were transferred to the nonprofit Wild Bird Fund, the city's lone wildlife rehabilitation facility.

The birds will stay with an



CHAUNCEY BUSH, THE (COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.) GAZETTE/AP

## Zippering through graduation

Graduate Cece Kim zip lines from the school to the stage where she grabs her diploma from head administrator Jeff Cooper during The University School's Diploma Grab Celebration in Old Colorado City in Colorado Springs, Colo., on Friday. The private Christian K4-12 school is best known for their adventure program. With adventures at their core, staff wanted to incorporate a creative and fun way to follow rules for preventing the spread of the coronavirus and celebrate 24 of their graduating seniors' accomplishments.

employee who the nonprofit's director, Rita McMahon, calls the "duck wrangler."

She takes care of the little ones in her home bathtub until they are able to jump out of it, at which point they'll come back to the nonprofit's waterfowl pool during a crucial period.

In the absence of a surrogate mother to guide them back to the park, the ducklings will be sent to a sanctuary upstate.

## Woman injured by rabid fox while sitting in yard

**ME** LISBON — A Maine woman was attacked and injured by a rabid fox while sitting in her yard, officials said.

A woman, 76, was injured after a fox bit her on her legs and hand in front of her Lisbon home, the Sun Journal reported.

Lisbon Police Chief Marc Hagan said the woman's husband heard her cries for help from the porch and worked with her to get control of the fox and eventually kill it.

The woman, who didn't want to be identified, was taken to a hospital to receive treatment, which includes rabies vaccinations.

Animal control was called and took the dead fox to the Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention in Augusta for analysis,

## THE CENSUS

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The number of terrier-mix dogs that animal control officers recently found at a home in Randolph, Kan. Although the home was unsanitary, the owner was doing his best to care for the animals, said Deborah Watkins, director of the T. Russell Reitz Regional Animal Shelter. She said the man provided food and water and cared for the animals but had become overwhelmed. Watkins said officials are creating a plan to help the owner and the dogs. Keeping more than five dogs over the age of 90 days within the county and outside city limits is considered a nuisance in Riley County, but the owner wasn't cited.

where the animal tested positive for rabies, Hagan said.

## Turtle lacks home after owner dies of COVID-19

**MA** BOSTON — Wanted: Loving home for a middle-age tortoise that loves fruit salad, dandelions and sunshine.

MSPCA-Angell, a Boston animal welfare organization, put a tortoise named Ms. Jennifer up for adoption because the owner recently died of COVID-19.

Ms. Jennifer, 53, weighs four pounds and is about the size of a dinner plate. Anyone interested in adopting her has to be in for the long haul, because tortoises can live to be 100 or older, the organization said.

The tortoise is the 10th animal to be surrendered to the Mas-

sachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals whose owners have either died of COVID-19 or become too ill to care for their pets.

## Deputy resigns after being caught with meth

**NM** TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES — A New Mexico sheriff's deputy resigned after authorities said they caught him with methamphetamine and a pipe inside his patrol car.

KRQE-TV reported that New Mexico State Police arrested Grant Taylor this month following a call from the Sierra County Sheriff's Department.

According to a criminal complaint, officers found a glass pipe in the center console of his patrol car, along with two bags of methamphetamine inside the sunglasses

holder. Taylor told officers the drugs belonged to someone else.

Court records show Taylor was also charged with possession in 2011 and pleaded no contest. He was also charged with drunken driving in 2009.

## Tourists attempt to take selfies with foal

**NC** SHACKLEFORD BANKS — The National Park Service is looking for three tourists who allegedly tried to capture a month-old wild foal in the Outer Banks in an attempt to take some selfies.

The three people are wanted for questioning, the Charlotte Observer reported. The Park Service said the situation at Shackleford Banks, which is part of Cape Lookout National Seashore, was captured on video.

The newspaper reported that it is illegal to be within 50 feet of the more than 100 wild horses in the park.

"During their chase — and trying to catch the foal so they could take a 'selfie' — they managed to scare the foal enough that it became separated from its mother," Cape Lookout National Seashore posted on Facebook. The foal and its mother later reunited

From wire reports



## FACES

# Spreading their wings

Actor and singer Michael C. Hall performs March 12 in New York with his band, *Princess Goes to the Butterfly Museum*.

EVAN AGOSTINI, INVISION/AP



## Michael C. Hall's indie rock band with a quirky name launches self-titled first album during virus quarantine

By MARK KENNEDY  
Associated Press

This might one day be a trivia question: Which rock band with a celebrity frontman and a very long name was one of the last acts to play live in New York before the city shut down in 2020?

The answer is Princess Goes to the Butterfly Museum, and its three members hope they become known more for their music than just as a footnote to the coronavirus.

The indie rockers may be in the unenviable position of trying to launch their career during a global pandemic, but they have a few things going for them — they're all seasoned musicians and they have Broadway and "Dexter" star Michael C. Hall on vocal duty.

He's joined by keyboardist Matt Katz-Bohen, who has played with Blondie, Cyndi Lauper and Tony Bennett. The drummer is Peter Yanowitz of the bands The Wallflowers and Morningwood.

The trio's six-song self-titled debut EP came out April 2 with music that's hard to pin down. "I like it when people come see us. They're like, 'I didn't know what to expect, but it wasn't that,'" jokes Hall.

The band's origins can be found on Broadway, during the 2014-15 run of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch." Yanowitz

was in the onstage band and Katz-Bohen was a substitute musical director. Hall eventually joined the show as the third German transsexual at the heart of the glam rock show.

After the musical closed, Yanowitz and Katz-Bohen got together to make their own music. "We were like, 'Let's do our own thing,'" recalls Katz-Bohen. It was all instrumental at first. Hall was later invited to jam and brought lyrical and melodic ideas.

The first songs they worked on was "Love American Style," which would become a trippy, David Bowie-inspired synth-heavy track. It was completed and recorded in just a few hours. A band was born.

Katz-Bohen admits he was surprised by what kind of music was coming out. "It was not what I was expecting. I don't know what I was expecting. Whatever it was, it sort of caught me off guard in a good way," he said.

The band's unusual name came later, inspired — snatched, really — from Katz-Bohen's daughter, who was 4 or 5 at the time.

"I asked her what she would name her band of the future. She said, 'Princess Goes to the Butterfly Museum.' I said, 'That's such a cool name; I want to use it for my band.' She was into that idea."

The band members defer when asked to describe their sound, preferring instead to say it's what you might expect to hear in a butterfly museum. If that's the case, expect the museum to play a mix of folk, dreamy '80s New Wave, acoustic glam, Nine Inch Nails intensity and lots of David Bowie.

"We don't consciously set out to sound like anything or anyone, but inevitably it's an amalgamation of our conscious and unconscious influences," says Hall.

They make music with whatever's handy in the band's club house, a converted apartment in New York's Greenwich Village — computers, a Rhodes piano and drums.

They played live only about a half dozen times, growing their brand slowly and drawing curious fans of "Dexter" and Broadway and Blondie.

The coronavirus has cratered the live music scene everywhere, and members of Princess Goes face the prospect of trying to break into the industry without any live concerts. They hope fans check out their quirky videos — including one with Hall dancing with puppets — and they're thinking of ways to create buzz.

"Virus is the mother of invention," says Hall. "In this day and age, there are avenues that allow you to get your music to people that don't require everybody to be in the same room."

## Clarkson, Trebek among Daytime Emmy nominees

From wire reports

The first season of "The Kelly Clarkson Show" received Daytime Emmy Awards nominations for best entertainment talk show and host, while "Jeopardy!" veteran Alex Trebek's nod for that show host could give him a second consecutive win in the category.

"General Hospital" earned a leading 23 nominations May 21, including best daytime drama, lead actress nods for Finola Hughes and Maura West, and lead actor nods for Steve Burton and Jon Lindstrom.

Other top nominees are "Days of Our Lives" with 22 bids, "The Young and the Restless" with 21 and "The Bold and the Beautiful" with 13.

"The Kelly Clarkson Show" will compete with "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," "GMA3," "Live with Kelly and Ryan" and "The Talk." The hosts of those shows — with the exception of DeGeneres — were nominated alongside Clarkson, along with Maury Povich for "Maury."

Trebek's fellow game show host nominees are Wayne Brady, "Let's Make a Deal," Steve Harvey, "Family Feud," Alfonso Ribeiro, "Catch 21" and Pat Sajak, "Wheel of Fortune."

The 47th annual Daytime Emmys, will be presented virtually June 26.

## ABC renews 19 shows, adds David E. Kelley thriller

ABC is bringing back the lion's share of its series for next season, including "black-ish," "A Million Little Things" and "The Rookie."

They are among the 19 shows that will return in the 2020-21 season, the network said May 21, adding to a list of previously announced renewals.

New series debuting next season include "Big Sky," a thriller from writer-producer David E. Kelley; the comedy "Call Your Mother"; and game show revival "Supermarket Sweep" with host Leslie Jones.

Among the ABC series that won't be back: sitcoms "Bless This Mess," "Schooled" and "Single Parents"; the drama "Emergency"; and "Kids Say the Darndest Things," a reality show hosted by Tiffany Haddish.

More returning shows are: "American Housewife"; "The Bachelor"; "The Conners"; "Dancing with the Stars"; "The Goldberrys"; "mixed-ish"; "Shark Tank"; "Stumptown"; "20/20"; "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire"; "America's Funniest Home Videos"; "American Idol"; "The Bachelorette"; "The Good Doctor"; "Grey's Anatomy"; "Station 19."

## Other news

■ The Recording Academy has released a new recording of John Prime's "Angel From Montgomery" with proceeds going to support the MusiCares COVID-19 Relief Fund. Prime died in April at age 73 from complications associated with the coronavirus. The new recording features artists, musicians and engineers who also are elected leaders in the Recording Academy, including singer-songwriter Christine Albert, Brandon Bush of Sugarland, John Driskell Hopkins of Zac Brown Band and Jeff Brown, an acclaimed Memphis emcee/producer.

■ Canadian pop singer-songwriter Carly Rae Jepsen released a surprise album, "Dedicated: Side B," on May 21, a companion piece to last year's "Dedicated." The 12-song album features writing credits from singer and producer Jack Antonoff (whose band Bleachers is credited on the song "Come Back"), Ariel Rechtshaid, Dev Hynes of Blood Orange and John Hill, among others.

## Clinton, Patterson team up for second political thriller

By HILLEL ITALIE  
Associated Press

After co-writing the best-selling adult novel of 2018, Bill Clinton and James Patterson have teamed up for another political thriller.

"The President's Daughter" will be released in June 2021, the book's publishers announced May 22. As with the million-selling "The President Is Missing," the new novel will be a rare joint release by rival companies: Alfred A. Knopf, which has released Clinton's "My Life" among other works, and Little, Brown and Company, Patterson's longtime publisher.

"I never imagined I'd be writing a book with a master storyteller like Jim, much

less two," Clinton said in a statement. "I was grateful for the success of the first book, and I believe readers will enjoy reading 'The President's Daughter' as much as I'm enjoying working on it."

Added Patterson, one of the world's best-selling and most prolific authors: "Working with President Clinton has been a highlight of my career, and I'm thrilled to have the chance to write with him again."

"The President's Daughter" is not a sequel to "The President Is Missing," but a stand-alone novel with new characters, albeit one with a familiar occupation.

"It follows a former president of the United States, now relocated to rural New Hampshire, whose daughter is kid-

napped," the publishers announced. "Like their earlier book, the story will be told with Patterson's signature suspense and will be informed by details that only a president can know."

According to an excerpt from the novel, a motivation for the kidnappers is retaliation for U.S. drone strikes overseas against suspected foes.

The first book by Clinton and Patterson sold more than 3 million copies.

The plot for "The President's Daughter" would seem uncomfortable for Clinton, who has a daughter, Chelsea. "This novel is completely and fully fiction," says Washington, D.C., attorney Robert Barnett, who handles book deals for Clinton and Patterson.

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## OPINION

## Honor the fallen by helping their comrades

By JAMES JAY CARAFANO  
InsideSources.com

Scenes of GIs mooning for their girls back home, baseball, hot dogs and Mom's apple pie were a staple of Hollywood movies about World War II. But those scenes never rang true with any of the WWII combat vets I've talked to. What they recall obsessing over was the misery around them: the weather, the hunger and the constant fear of maiming or death.

War isn't pretty. It's nothing to wax nostalgic about.

The war that soldiers know is about service and sacrifice. For some, that meant never seeing another sunrise, never holding their folks or family again. An appreciation of that harsh reality is what gave rise to Memorial Day. It's a single day, just one day, where we are meant to pause and remember those who gave everything for us.

No surprise, then, that the commercialization of the Memorial Day weekend repulses many. Those who have lost a loved one to war, or had casualties shatter their lives, are not impressed when a food dealer, appliance salesman and hardware stores mark the day by offering deals you just can't beat.

Quite a few Americans, it seems, never think of the extra day off as anything more than another long weekend. They may head down to Main Street for the Memorial Day parade and then race over to the local megamart for last-minute cookout or picnic supplies, never reflecting on why the day has been set apart.

To be fair to American sensibilities, every national holiday has become commercialized. It is easy to track the seasons at local pharmacies, where the pharmaceutical on the shelves rotate to service Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter and Mother's Day in rapid succession.

On the one hand, it is hard to argue



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

A member of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, also known as The Old Guard, places flags in front of headstones at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia on Thursday ahead of Memorial Day.

with freedom and free enterprise. Stores are just giving customers what they want: sales when consumers need them or have the time and luxury to take advantage of Black Friday or Veterans Day deals.

Indeed, in the era of COVID-19 restrictions, when we are told when, where and how we can shop, we miss what we took for granted. These are — or were — everyday freedoms, just a fraction of the freedoms guaranteed for us by the victories on battlefields from Bunker Hill to Afghanistan. It seems severe to criticize our fellow citizens for yearning nostalgically for the days of unfettered, unmasked shopping sprees again.

On the other hand, COVID-19 has also reminded us that our safety and prosperity are heavily dependent on the service and sacrifice of others. Today, the rent is not "over there," it's right here in our communities. And, yes, our armed forces have waded into the battle, but

they're not the only ones on the front lines. Nor is it just first responders who have answered the call.

Day after day, countless doctors, nurses, store clerks, cashiers, mailmen, truck drivers, meatpackers and more are putting themselves on the line for us. And they, too, are taking casualties for the common good.

Which brings us to the rather thorny question: Are we decently honoring those who have given their all for us, if we're focused on clinching the deal of a lifetime or grilling those burgers to perfection?

Maybe, there is a middle ground here. Let's not begrudge the store that wants to take 50% off or the citizen who wants to take advantage of a desperately needed good deal. But let's not forget the reason for the season just because it's sales day.

Commercials and advertisements can remind folks of the weighty importance of the day. Companies can commit part of their profits to charities like TAPS — the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, which provides assistance to the children of fallen military personnel.

Businesses and customers can partner in charitable and community activities. My organization, for example, works with a group called Feed the Heroes, which buys food from stressed local restaurants to provide meals for hospital workers during the COVID-19 crisis. Similar activities could be jointly organized to help honor the fallen.

We know Americans are up for this kind of civic activity. Thousands of Americans, for example, participate every year in Wreaths Across America, placing wreaths on graves at military cemeteries all over the country. We can do this, America. We can thank our heroes and practice remembering those who gave their lives so that we could keep them.

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## Memorial Day's essence is rightful focus this year

By FRANCES TILNEY BURKE  
InsideSources.com

Just off your water skis because summer has begun! Clean your grills for fresh burgers and dogs — the neighbors are coming over! Get down to the stores for all the sales for new cars, furniture and TVs! Put on your Uncle Sam hat and wave your mini flag — the parade is about to come down Main Street!

Not this year.

The COVID-19 "stay at home" orders will affect most of us this Memorial Day, and maybe that's a good thing. Though Americans may share salutations of "Happy Memorial Day," the last Monday in May ought to be a serious affair — a living remembrance of our nation's fallen.

Originally called "Decoration Day," Memorial Day — which only became a federal holiday in 1971 — was a special day in spring for families to visit fallen Civil War dead to decorate graves and hold gatherings to recognize the 600,000-plus men who died in the war. Some historical accounts describe that the first Memorial Day commemoration was held by a group of freed slaves in South Carolina, only a month after the confederacy fell in 1865.

The following year in 1866, citizens of the small town of Waterloo, N.Y., shuttered their businesses, placed all flags at half-staff, draped the town in black and held processions to each of the village's three cemeteries to recognize and grieve their Civil War dead. They continued this tradition every subsequent year and, in 1966,

Congress declared Waterloo "the birthplace of Memorial Day." Perhaps most interestingly, all shops were closed — a far cry from this century's tributes to consumerism frequently held on the last Monday in May.

In this century, though many people still visit cemeteries to lay flowers on the grave of a loved one, or march in a local parade dressed in a timeworn military uniform, many Americans celebrate by throwing a summer party, by taking advantage of the sales — with no thought of "social distancing." The many restrictions due to COVID-19 have stripped the "happy" from our Memorial Day, perhaps reminding us that without neighborhood barbecues and retail bonanzas, the day is really about what the small town of Waterloo began.

Arlington National Cemetery will remain closed to the general public this year, though immediate family will be offered limited visitation. My husband, who is in his 25th year of service as an Army officer, was heading to visit his father, Buried at Arlington, my father-in-law, Kevin Burke, was an armored cavalry platoon leader during Vietnam. For his valor, he was awarded the Silver Star; for his injuries, two Purple Hearts. Rather than pay tribute at his headstone with the typical teaming crowds at Arlington, we will remember him at home, tell stories to our children, and say a prayer. Perhaps these quiet, lonely reflections on those who served and died for our country are the purest form of a Memorial Day "celebration."

Before these various Memorial Day traditions ever began, President Abraham

Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address on Nov. 19, 1863, as part of a ceremony honoring the soldiers killed during the Battle of Gettysburg earlier in July and later interred at Gettysburg National Cemetery. In the three-day battle, the Union lost 23,000 men and the Confederates lost more than 28,000. During the speech, Lincoln's assistant secretary, John Hay, observed the president as "sad, mournful, almost haggard. The dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced."

The silver lining of our quarantines, our solitude, and our adherence to stay-at-home orders is that this Monday may be full of thoughtful memories, solemn tributes and quiet commemorations — an acknowledgement of sacrifices rather than a frenzied day for the local big-box stores. This year, shed of celebration, the shadow of COVID-19 gives us the opportunity to remember "those who here gave their lives that that nation might live."

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## OPINION

## Young people can navigate strained job market

BY MEGAN MCARDLE

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**A**bout two months ago, when we were all adjusting to the realities of lockdown, I wrote a column advising young people not to panic. I said that I didn't think the new coronavirus crisis would produce much labor-market "scarring," or long-term damage to earning prospects suffered by those who lose jobs during downturns. My almost-sure conclusion: "It is reasonable to think that when we can go back to work, the economy will roar back to provide the jobs. So while everyone is bracing for very hard months ahead, the young shouldn't spend too much of that time worrying whether they're also looking at hard years and decades to follow."

Now that events have had time to unwind, I am revisiting this conclusion. Does it hold up? Or should young people start hunting for garrets and devise new recipes for beans and rice?

Well, perhaps not quite yet. There will be better deals available on uneaten garrets next winter.

No, I jest. Now let me attempt a serious answer, in multiple parts.

The first thing to note is that I'm more pessimistic about the economy than I was in mid-March, because I'm more pessimistic about the government's response to COVID-19 than I was in mid-March. The only way to restore the economy to its former splendor is to get the coronavirus under control. And there are many signs that we're doing that, which leaves me with the (wan) hope that summer heat, and Americans' sprawling lifestyles, will combine to

help the virus peter out.

Since I'm not terrifically hopeful that the pandemic threat will recede on its own, I'm not expecting a rapid return to reasonably full employment or robust income growth. And having graduated from business school into the teeth of the 2001 recession, I know all too well that when unemployment numbers turn north, those hit hardest will be the people looking for that first job to give them a foothold on some career ladder. For however long the economic contraction lasts, recent graduates face sharply diminished prospects.

That said, I still don't expect them to be hit as hard as the generation that faced 2008 with new diplomas in hand, for a few reasons:

1. Unemployment is so widespread that being without a job right now doesn't send any particular signal about workers. So I don't think employers would be as reluctant as they usually might be to hire someone with a gap on his or her résumé.

2. The recovery should be unusually rapid. Not as rapid as I'd have predicted two months ago but still much faster than in a normal recession, because there will be no lingering uncertainty about what a recovery means: As soon as we've controlled the virus threat, it will feel safe to resume normal activity. There will certainly be lingering effects from the closure of long-dying industries, along with viable businesses that simply ran out of capital before they ran out of recession. But the economic fundamentals should feel — and be — sound.

3. Despite the current job drought, the young have a huge advantage: If they do develop the coronavirus, they're less likely than other groups to get seriously ill. So I'd



expect to see them snatch up a disproportionate number of the jobs that get filled during the coming months.

4. Young workers today will have some respite from competing with new graduates compared with the cohorts that dealt with the past two recessions. Back then, people who lost jobs at the beginning of the recession struggled for a few years, waiting for the economy to recover — only to find that employers often preferred to hire brand-new graduates who hadn't been scarred by the downturn. For people with undergraduate or advanced degrees, this competition got fiercer and fiercer as people who had trouble finding jobs during the

recession piled into school. That's likely to be less of a problem for the current crop of young graduates. Many current and future college students are likely to take a gap year rather than spend their senior year Zooming from their old bedroom; when things open up again, this educational pause should ease congestion in the entryway to the labor market.

If you're in that cohort of youngsters, or parent then, these are probably not quite the ringing words of optimism you hoped for. But as long as we're in the grip of a once-in-a-century pandemic, I'm afraid that these cautiously hopeful notes are the best that I, and they, are likely to manage.

## How to hold Purdue Pharma accountable in opioid epidemic

BY GERALD POSNER

Special to the Los Angeles Times

**T**he country's other major public health crisis, the prescription opioid epidemic, has killed far more Americans than have died so far from COVID-19. Yet a major injustice to the opioid victims and their families is playing out mostly in the shadows in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York. That is where Purdue Pharma, the privately owned drug company responsible for the blockbuster OxyContin narcotic painkiller, filed for bankruptcy protection last September.

U.S. business history is littered with huge companies seeking the safety afforded only through bankruptcy courts: a halt to all pending civil litigation. That is no small matter for Purdue since over 2,600 lawsuits charge it was instrumental in creating America's opioid crisis through deceptive promotion and marketing.

What sets Purdue's bankruptcy apart is that Judge Robert D. Drain of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in White Plains, N.Y., extended the no-litigation shield to eight months of the bankruptcy proceedings to the company. They have been individually named in many lawsuits for their roles in running Purdue and profiting from the opioid epidemic.

Many legal scholars were surprised that the judge — who acknowledged his own "extrajudicial" role in protecting the Sacklers since they were not parties in the bankruptcy case. None had declared insolvency. In fact, OxyContin's \$35 billion in sales had made the family one of the nation's richest. In 2015, Forbes estimated the Sacklers' net worth at \$14 billion.

Unprecedented federal and state legal maneuvering left many victims and rela-

**An independent examiner would have the authority to shine a spotlight on the full breadth of the Sacklers' finances, enabling victims to better decide whether the family is making a fair settlement offer.**

tives convinced that the judge must take the rare step of appointing an independent examiner to thoroughly probe the Sacklers. Otherwise, the family might reach a global settlement of all opioid litigation while walking away with most of its enormous OxyContin fortune.

The Sacklers have agreed to pay at least \$3 billion toward any settlement, but many suspect the family is significantly understating its wealth and might have secretly transferred money abroad or stripped assets from the company before filing for bankruptcy. The widespread distrust is fueled by the family's long-standing secrecy when it comes to how inextricably bound its finances are with Purdue. Three generations have run the company since the family acquired it in 1952.

Over five years of researching the history of the American pharmaceutical industry, I discovered declassified FBI files and never-before-published Senate papers that revealed the Sackler family had created a byzantine trust and empire reaching back to the 1950s. They secretly owned stakes in dozens of companies that were ostensibly rivals competing for the same drug promotion or government research grants. From 1991 to 2016 the Sacklers ran an OxyContin tax scheme involving sibling companies to Purdue in the United Kingdom — Bernini & Sons — that saved the company an estimated \$1.4 billion in corporate taxes

and the family tens of millions. (The U.K. changed its tax law as a result.)

Last year, John Coffee Jr., director of Columbia Law School's Center on Corporate Governance, concluded in a report prepared for Utah's Division of Consumer Protection that the "Purdue board was kept a Sackler-family dominated club." Coffee called this "dysfunctional corporate governance" and said "there is little to distinguish the control that the Sacklers exercised over Purdue from the control that the Godfather held over his Mafia family."

The Sacklers have benefited from the arcane and opaque nature of bankruptcy proceedings. They have ostensibly converted the court's protective order into an "injunction to evade." They redacted information in the small number of documents they have made available and have not produced any files from the more than 125 mostly foreign companies they controlled.

On May 12, Drain granted a request from 24 attorneys general that allows them to issue dozens of subpoenas directly to banks instead of having to pass them first by the Sacklers' defense team. Still, it was only a partial victory. The Sacklers retained the right to review and redact information, and whatever is produced as a result of the subpoenas will be classified as "professionals' eyes only information." That means none of it will be made public.

Many victim activists worry the Sack-

lers might succeed in hiding the full extent of their wealth and that any settlement the bankruptcy court sanctions will leave unanswered many questions about the full extent of the family's role in igniting and fanning the opioid epidemic for its own profit. A bankruptcy-approved settlement means no further discovery, trial or any admission of responsibility by any Sackler.

To prevent this, the bankruptcy judge must immediately appoint an independent examiner with broad investigative powers. It has happened in only a handful of complex bankruptcies, including cases involving Lehman Brothers, Tribune Co. (a former owner of the Los Angeles Times) and Enron. Twenty prominent law school professors pleaded for an examiner to be appointed in the Purdue case but were ignored last November. The PAIN activist group recently launched an online petition demanding the appointment of an examiner in the case.

An independent examiner would have the authority to shine a spotlight on the full breadth of the Sacklers' finances, enabling victims to better decide whether the family is making a fair settlement offer. An examiner would also serve a broader public benefit. The examiner in Enron's bankruptcy took 18 months to produce a blistering four-volume, 4,500-page report. Such a report may give us the only chance of knowing what really transpired at Sackler-run Purdue during the lethal opioid crisis. There is no other mechanism in the bankruptcy system for such a public accounting besides the appointment of an independent examiner. Victims' families and the thousands of individual plaintiffs who have suffered from the ravages of OxyContin deserve no less.

Gerald Posner's latest book is "Pharma: Greed, Lies, and the Poisoning of America."



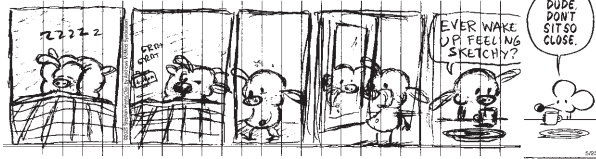
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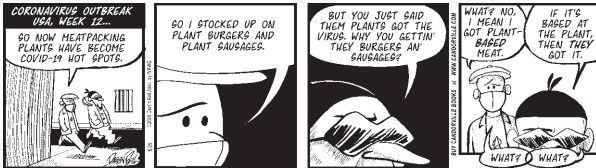
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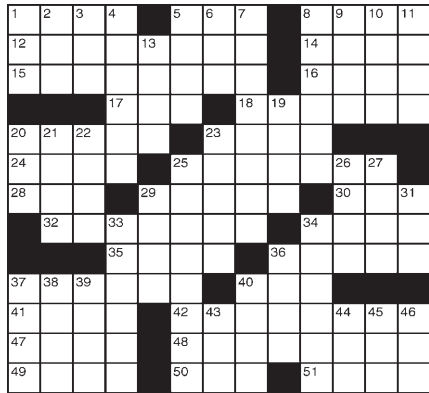
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



### ACROSS

- 1 Cat call
- 5 PC alternative
- 8 Whittle (down)
- 12 Short-lived things
- 14 Send forth
- 15 Humorous poem
- 16 Peru's capital
- 17 Family
- 18 Wears away
- 20 BBQ fuel
- 23 "— the night before ..."
- 24 Nashville venue
- 25 Queue on a cruise
- 28 Plead
- 29 Dickens title starter
- 30 Guys
- 32 Unruly bit of hair
- 34 Till bills
- 35 Xanadu's river
- 36 "Hammerin' Hank"
- 37 Root vegetable
- 40 Doctrine
- 41 Former Yankee slugger, to fans
- 42 Tube in a makeup kit
- 47 Get up
- 48 Traps
- 49 Russian ruler
- 50 — Paulo, Brazil
- 51 Diner's card

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- 1 Actor Gibson
- 2 Prefix with gram or center
- 3 Resistance unit
- 4 Payroll frequency, for some
- 5 Chow —
- 6 Curved line
- 7 Easy task
- 8 House Speaker Nancy
- 9 During
- 10 Frost
- 11 Greek vowels
- 13 Hosp. scans
- 19 Demolish, in Dover
- 20 Corn throwaway
- 21 Oil cartel
- 22 Golden Fleece ship
- 23 Instruct
- 25 Paints by dabbing
- 26 "Moonstruck" actress
- 27 Vegas game
- 29 "That's — ask"
- 31 Tax form ID
- 33 Roam
- 34 Large gong
- 36 Org.
- 37 Small fruit pie
- 38 "Topaz" author
- 39 Activist Parks
- 40 — facto
- 43 Garden of the Food Network
- 44 Hot temper
- 45 100 yrs.
- 46 Sch. near Topeka

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



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NBA/NFL

# League talks with Disney — no small decision, after all

Season could resume at Wide World of Sports

By TIM REYNOLDS  
Associated Press

The NBA is in talks with The Walt Disney Company on a single-site scenario for a resumption of play in Central Florida in late July, the clearest sign yet that the league believes the season can continue amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The National Basketball Players Association is also part of the talks with Disney, the league said Saturday. Games would be held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, a massive campus on the Disney property near Orlando.

NBA spokesman Mike Bass said the conversations were still “exploratory,” and that the Disney site would be used for practices and housing as well.

“Our priority continues to be the health and safety of all involved, and we are working with public health experts and government officials on a comprehensive set of guidelines to ensure that appropriate medical protocols and protections are in place,” Bass said.

The ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex is a 255-acre campus with multiple arenas that could host games simultaneously and has been home to, among other things, the Jr. NBA World Championship in recent years. ESPN, one of the NBA’s broadcast partners, is primarily owned by Disney.

Space won’t be an issue, even if Major League Soccer — which is also in talks to resume its season at Disney — is there at the same time as the NBA. The entire Dis-

## NBA scoreboard

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719	3
Boston	43	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	39	25	.609	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	43	.328	26
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	53	22	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	47	27	.636	—
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	29	36	.443	11
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	41	23	.641	—
Utah	40	24	.625	—
Oklahoma City	29	37	.438	14½
Portland	19	45	.297	23½
Minnesota	15	45	.250	27½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
San Diego	28	36	.438	21½
Sacramento	26	39	.400	24
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ney complex is roughly 40 square miles, with nearly 24,000 hotel rooms owned or operated by Disney within the campus.

The NBA suspended its season March 11, becoming the first of the U.S. major pro leagues to do so after it was revealed that All-Star center Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz tested positive for COVID-19. The list of NBA players who were known to test positive eventually grew to 10 — not all were identified — and Commissioner Adam Silver said last month that the actual total was even higher.



A crowd is shown along Main Street USA in front of Cinderella Castle in the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Disney is in talks with the NBA to allow the league to continue its season in late July at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex.

But the league has been working on countless return-to-play scenarios for several weeks, all with the caveat that testing would be an integral part of any resumption of the season.

It remains unclear where the NBA is in the process of securing tests or developing large-scale testing protocols. Also unclear: how many regular-season games would be played before the post-season begins — or if all 30 teams would be playing. The league has asked team general managers for additional input on those matters.

Jared Dudley of the Los Angeles Lakers said in a conference call with reporters on Wednesday that he believes the playoffs, whenever they start, will be the traditional best-of-seven format.

“That’s the seven-victory when it comes to Disney,” Dudley said. “That’s why we’ll be in Or-

lando. Disney owns ESPN. That’s where they make their money. During the playoffs and finals, it will all be seven games. That one I’m almost 100% sure of.”

Central Florida has been known as a viable option to host an NBA restart since at least mid-April, and other cities — such as Las Vegas, which also has a longstanding relationship with the NBA — were known to be considered as well.

Florida has confirmed just more than 50,000 COVID-19 cases, though more than half of those are in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties and not in the Orlando area. Gov. Ron DeSantis has said he wants the state open for pro sports, even telling franchisees not based in Florida that they could come to the Sunshine State and train if restrictions preventing it existed in

their own locales.

“Places are opening up. Let’s not forget COVID isn’t magically less contagious now,” Malcolm Miller of the Toronto Raptors tweeted Saturday. “The virus itself didn’t get better... stay safe.”

Teams have been allowed to welcome players back to training facilities for voluntary sessions since May 8, and more than half of the franchisees have taken advantage of that opportunity.

The next steps along a return-to-play path would likely include a loosening of the restrictions for those voluntary workouts — no more than four players are currently allowed inside any facility at a time — and then a plan for when training camps could open. If the league plans to resume play in late July, then camps conceivably could open around the start of that month.

## Rams’ Donald: Football minus fans ‘wouldn’t be fun’

By GREG BEACHAM  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Aaron Donald is not thrilled about the prospect of playing football without fans.

The Los Angeles Rams’ superstar defensive lineman doesn’t like the idea of playing an NFL season in front of empty seats, saying it “wouldn’t be fun to me.”

“I feel like you need fans to play the game,” Donald added Thursday from his offseason home in Pittsburgh. “I don’t see how you could play a game without fans. I feel like that takes out the excitement and the fun out of the game.”

Donald realizes his opinion won’t carry much weight if the coronavirus pandemic forces the NFL to take extraordinary measures to provide a television product to the world. But the six-time Pro Bowl selection is among those sportsmen worldwide who

don’t really see the point of continuing with their professions while large crowds are unable to gather safely.

“I feel like the fans pick you up,” Donald said. “The fans are what makes the game exciting. The fans would give you that extra juice when you’re tired and fatigued. When you make that big play and you hear 80,000 fans going crazy, that pumps you up. If you don’t have that in the game, I think that just takes the fun out of it.”

The possible resumption of a pandemic year are coming home for Donald and the Rams, who haven’t reopened their training complex while conducting their spring work online. Donald is used to missing offseason workouts with his teammates, thanks to two contract holdouts that eventually ended with his mammoth six-year, \$135 million extension in August 2018.

Donald usually spends much of his offseason working out at Pitt, where the Aaron

Donald Football Performance Center is at his disposal for obvious reasons.

But with the university shut down due to the pandemic, Donald said he has been working out “back where it all started” in The Dungeon — his nickname for the tiny basement of his father’s home. He’s lifting weights three days a week for at least two hours a day alongside his nephew, a high school defensive lineman.

He recently finished his communications degree, joining his brother and sister as college graduates.

“I’ve been taking classes for the past couple of years here and there, online classes,” said Donald. “It’s a promise I made to my mom and dad. When I got drafted, I promised my mom and dad that I’d still get the degree, because that’s what they wanted. It took a while, but I accomplished it. They were proud of me. I’m just glad and relieved that I’m finally done.”



Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald says he doesn’t see how the NFL could play a season in front of empty seats, saying it “wouldn’t be fun to me.”



## SOCCER



INA FASSBENDER/AP

Cardboard pictures of fans are placed in the stands prior to the German Bundesliga soccer match between Borussia Mönchengladbach and Bayer Leverkusen, in Mönchengladbach, Germany, on Saturday.

## Replica fans fill Bundesliga stadium

BY JAMES ELLINGWORTH  
Associated Press

DUSSELDORF, Germany — Even when German fans are stuck at home, they can still be seen in the stadium.

Around 13,000 cutouts filled the stands on Saturday as Borussia Mönchengladbach hosted Bayer Leverkusen in a Bundesliga game which could help decide Champions League qualification.

Gladbach fans took pictures at home in a shirt or scarf and paid 19 euros (\$20.70) to be turned into one of the "Pappkameraden" or "cardboard companions." Season-ticket holders have their cutout placed in their usual spot, though some fan groups denounced the idea.

"It's better to play in front of dolls than nothing at all," Leverkusen coach Peter Bosz said before the game.

It was Gladbach's first game at home since the Bundesliga restarted without spectators amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The cutouts didn't to Gladbach much good on Saturday. Leverkusen won 3-1 to overtake Gladbach for third in the table, as Gladbach missed good chances to score late on.

"Despite that it still looks really super," Gladbach right back Stefan Lainer said. "It creates a certain atmosphere."

Coach Marco Rose and some of his players were also in the stands in two-dimensional form, along with greats of the club's past. They include Gunter Netzer, who won the West German title with Gladbach in 1970 and 1971 and

the World Cup in 1974. There's even an away end with pictures of supporters from Leverkusen and other clubs. Gladbach said it was a nonprofit initiative with proceeds going to charity.

Gladbach's form this season has echoed its golden age from the 1970s. The club led the table early in the season and is still fighting for a Champions League spot.

Not all of the real-life fans like their cutout counterparts. Some groups oppose continuing the season without spectators and feel the cutouts legitimize that.

"Football without fans is nothing," read a large banner placed at one end of the stadium on Saturday.

"For Borussia, against ghost games," read another.

"The bleak backdrop of empty stadiums is exactly what these games represent and deserve," the Sottocultura group of Gladbach fans said in a statement.

"We consider the initiative with the cardboard figures to be counterproductive. We understand the well-meaning, charitable idea behind it, but we consider the signal to be the wrong one."

Gladbach isn't the first club to try replacing fans with doppelgangers during the coronavirus pandemic.

Before the Bundesliga restarted, Belarus was the only country in Europe playing league games. Champion club Dynamo Brest printed off photos sent by supporters abroad and attached them to shop mannequins wearing a motley variety of old shirts.

**"It's better to play in front of dolls than nothing at all."**

Peter Bosz  
Leverkusen coach

# Fostering an ethic of hope

## FC Dallas defender Hollingshead eager to assist off the field

BY ANNE M. PETERSON  
Associated Press

With two children of their own, FC Dallas defender Ryan Hollingshead and his wife, Taylor, wanted to add to their young family in a way that would align with a desire to help others.

Guided by that faith, last year the couple went through the process to become foster parents. And now, while social distancing at home because of COVID-19, they have also welcomed a 13-month old boy into the young family.

It isn't an easy job. Foster parents are tasked with providing love and care with the knowledge that eventually the children may be reunited with their parents or another family member.

"This is our saying in our house, our saying with our kids, 'You can do hard things,'" Hollingshead said. "So even though these things are hard, think of how much harder it is for the foster kid who's going from house to house and doesn't have any stability. He doesn't have his parents. So if it's hard for us, it's 10 times harder for him. And so we can do hard things so that that baby can have a safe place to be."

The Hollingsheads have been caring for the boy for three months. It is their second foster child. Their first, a four-month-old girl, returned to her biological family.

The Hollingsheads hope to eventually adopt, which might happen with the boy they are currently caring for. The biological mother's rights have already been terminated and the father cannot be located. For privacy reasons, the family cannot reveal the name of the child or post photos on social media.

There's always the possibility that they won't be able to adopt the boy. And that's part of the deal: The goal is to keep families together, Hollingshead said.

"I love being a dad. It's one of the best joys of my life. And so I love having these kids in our home. And so with our baby that we have right now, we've had him for three months. And I feel like he's my baby in every way. I treat him like he's my baby," he said. "And so, to have to give him back to another family member would just be really hard. And that's kind of built into the process and something that we know. But it doesn't make it any easier."

Hollingshead has always followed his heart.

A standout at UCLA, Hollingshead was named the Pac-12 Player of the Year in 2012, scoring seven goals and eight assists as a senior midfielder. A future in Major League Soccer looked bright. But Hollingshead instead took some time away from the game to work in a Haitian orphanage with Taylor. He didn't even know FC Dallas drafted him with the No. 20 pick in the second round.

He was thrilled at the opportunity, but there was one problem: He had promised his brother



ROGER STEINMAN/AP

FC Dallas defender Ryan Hollingshead, right, has been sheltering in place. He and his family are bonding with their foster son.

Scott he'd help launch a church in Sacramento. To his surprise, FC Dallas said it would wait. The team checked in on him from time to time, and after 10 months his brother said the church was on solid ground and Hollingshead needed to pursue his soccer career.

Hollingshead made his FC Dallas debut in 2014 but his career nearly ended in 2017. During a north Texas ice storm in January, Hollingshead and his wife stopped to help a stranded motorist. As another driver lost control and slid into him, throwing him 35 feet into a guardrail.

He fractured three vertebrae in his cervical spine, but doctors believed he could heal without surgery. Although he had to remain nearly motionless for a time, Hollingshead was able to return in late April.

Last season, Hollingshead

started in 33 MLS matches, taking turns at six different positions, and led all the league's defenders with six goal and three assists.

Dallas had played two games when MLS suspended the season on March 12 because of the coronavirus pandemic. Many teams, including Dallas, have begun voluntary individual workouts on outdoor practice fields with strict protocols, the first step toward resuming the season.

While Hollingshead is anxious to get back on the field, shelter-in-place has been a blessing in disguise for bonding with the foster baby.

"Being able to get the concentrated time I have with him has been really special, being able to form that bond with him in a time where I usually wouldn't be able to do so, at least to this extent, to this degree," he said. "So really grateful for it."

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL/COMMENTARY

Hall of Fame coach  
Sutton dies at 84

Was first to take 4 schools to NCAA Tournament

By CLIFF BRUNT  
Associated Press

Eddie Sutton waited so long to be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. He couldn't hang on long enough to make it to the ceremony.

The man who led three teams to the Final Four and was the first coach to take four schools to the NCAA Tournament, died Saturday. He was 84.

Sutton's family said in a statement he died of natural causes at home in the Tulsa, Okla., area, surrounded by his three sons and their families. His wife, Patsy, died in 2013.

"Dad and Mom treated their players like family and always shared the belief that his teachings went beyond the basketball court," the family wrote. "He cherished the time he spent at every school and appreciated the support of their loyal fans. He believed they deserved so much credit in the success of his programs."

Elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on April 3, Sutton fell short as a finalist six times before finally being selected. He had said he believed that a scandal that ended his stint at Kentucky was likely the culprit for his lengthy wait. The NCAA announced 18 allegations against the program in 1988, and he resigned in 1989.

He certainly had a worthy resume. He was 806-328 in 37 seasons as a Division I head coach — not counting vacated victories or forfeited games — and made it to 25 NCAA Tournaments. He led Final Four squads at Arkansas in 1978 and Oklahoma State in 1995 and 2004. He took Creighton, Arkansas, Kentucky and Oklahoma State to the NCAA Tournament. He was Associated Press Coach of the Year in 1978 at Arkansas and in 1986 at Kentucky.

Kentucky star Rex Chapman appreciated his time under Sutton.

"Eddie Sutton was a fascinating and complicated person," Chapman wrote in a tweet. "He also was an unbelievably teacher of the game of basketball. I was fortunate to have learned from him. Grateful."

Sutton's retirement at Oklahoma State in 2006 came roughly three months after he took a medical leave following a traffic accident that resulted in charges of aggravated DUI, speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road. He pleaded no contest to the charges, received a one-year de-

ferred sentence and was ordered to pay a fine.

Through it all, he remained wildly popular at Oklahoma State, often attending games while confined to a wheelchair. He would receive loud cheers as the camera panned to him and Aloe Black's "The Man" played over the sound system.

"Oklahoma State University is deeply saddened by the passing of Coach Eddie Sutton," Oklahoma State President Burns Hargis said in a statement. "A Hall of Fame Coach with more than 800 wins, he revived our historic basketball program and will always be revered and loved by the Cowboy family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Sutton family."

Even rivals had the highest respect for Sutton.

"Seems like just a few days ago we were celebrating the news that Coach Eddie Sutton had been elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame," Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione said in a Tweet. "Now this very sad news of his passing. So grateful I had a chance to get to know him & his family. Thinking about Steve, Sean & Scott. RIP Coach."

Sutton was born in Bucklin, Kansas, in 1936. He played at Oklahoma State under Hall of Fame coach Henry Iba, then stayed there to begin his coaching career as an assistant under Iba in 1958.

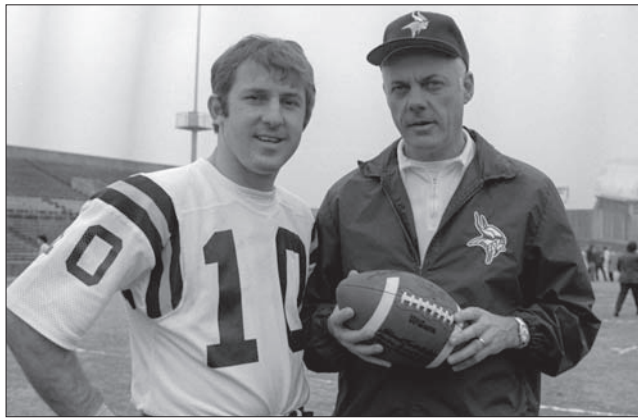
Sutton got his first Division I head coaching job at Creighton. He led the Bluejays to an 82-50 mark in five seasons from 1969 to 1974.

He took over at Arkansas in 1975, and the Razorbacks went 17-9 and 19-9 before beginning a nine-year stretch of 20-win seasons. He finished his run in Fayetteville with nine straight trips to the NCAA basketball tournament. His 1978 Final Four squad featured versatile stars Sidney Moncrief, Marvin Delph and Ron Brewer.

Sutton left his mark at Arkansas — the practice gym there is named for him. Former President Bill Clinton, who was the governor of Arkansas for part of Sutton's run there, once sent a video message for a ceremony honoring Sutton at Arkansas in 2016.

"Your time as coach was a defining era in Razorback basketball," Clinton said. "You put our program on the map. You helped mold a generation of student-athletes into winners on the court and after they left. You made us think we could win again."

Sutton moved on and replaced Joe B. Hall at Kentucky in 1985. While there, he compiled a 90-40 record, including two Southwestern Conference titles. But he slipped at the end, and his program endured NCAA scrutiny.



FERD KAUFMAN/AP

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Fran Tarkenton poses with coach Bud Grant in 1974. Grant was the first coach to reach four Super Bowls and the first to lose four Super Bowls. Grant built a powerhouse team over 18 seasons with the Vikings, reaching the playoffs 12 times. But his squads always flopped badly on the biggest stage, losing each of their four title games by double-digit margins.

## Greats: Coaches who won it all but the big one

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history — during the regular season, that is. Despite a staggering 1,335 victories over 31 years, and an innovative style known as "Nellie Ball," he never even reached the NBA Finals. His best shot came in 2002-03 with a 60-win Dallas team featuring Dirk Nowitzki and Steve Nash that lost to eventual champion San Antonio in the conference final. It should be noted that Nelson participated in plenty of celebrations as a player, winning five titles with the Boston Celtics.

**5. Al Lopez:** He never had a losing record in 15 full seasons as a big league manager, winning an average of 92 games. During the 1950s, Lopez has the distinction of capturing the only two AL pennants that weren't hoarded by the mighty New York Yankees. But his Cleveland Indians were swept in the 1954 World Series by Willie Mays and the New York Giants after winning a record 111 games. In 1959, Lopez's "Go-Go" Chicago White Sox fell to the Los Angeles Dodgers. He was runner-up in the AL a whopping 10 times during his Hall of Fame career — all but one of them looking up at the Yankees.

**4. Marv Levy:** No other coach has reached the Super Bowl four years in a row. Unfortunately for Levy, he didn't win any of them, tarnishing an unprecedented run with the Buffalo Bills that began with a bitter 20-19 loss to the New York Giants in the 1991 title game. After Scott Norwood's potential winning field goal went wide right, Levy and the Bills never came so close to a championship. They lost the next three Super Bowls by an average of three touchdowns. Too bad for Levy, we can't count his two titles coaching in the Canadian Football League.

**3. Jerry Sloan:** Sloan racked



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Dusty Baker, now the manager of the Houston Astros, has guided four teams to the playoffs and notched 1,863 wins. But his career is marred by its postseason failures.

up the fourth-most wins by an NBA coach (1,221) during a 26-year career spent mostly with Utah. Sloan took over the Jazz in 1988 and guided a consistent powerhouse led by Karl Malone and John Stockton. Sloan had only one losing season over his 23 years in Salt Lake City. Unfortunately, though, his best teams came along at the same time as that Jordan guy. Utah lost to the Bulls in back-to-back NBA Finals in 1997 and '98.

**2. Dusty Baker:** He got a glimpse of what was to come as a rookie manager. In 1993, Baker's San Francisco Giants went 103-59 but missed the playoffs by a single game after a memorable division race with the Atlanta Braves (there were no wild cards in those days). Over 22 years, Baker has guided four teams to the playoffs and notched 1,863 wins. But his career is marred by its postseason failures. A seven-

game setback to the Angels in the 2002 World Series. The Chicago Cubs' Bartman loss to the Marlins in 2003. A pair of wrenching home playoff defeats as manager of the Washington Nationals. But Baker still has a chance to get off this list. At age 70, he's been hired by the Houston Astros in the wake of their sign-stealing scandal.

**1. Bud Grant:** The first coach to reach four Super Bowls, he's also the first to lose four Super Bowls. Grant built a powerhouse team in 18 seasons with the Minnesota Vikings, reaching the playoffs 12 times. But Grant's squads always flopped badly on the biggest stage, losing each of their four title games by double-digit margins, capped by an embarrassing 32-14 rout to the Oakland Raiders in the 11th Super Bowl. Grant was far more successful in the Canadian Football League, where he won four Grey Cup titles in 10 seasons with Winnipeg.

## AUTO RACING

# Not business as usual at the Brickyard

## IndyCar drivers cope with strange Memorial Day weekend without the Indianapolis 500

By MICHAEL MAROT

Associated Press

**S**imon Pagenaud knows what he should be doing this weekend. Friday's plan was to climb into the No. 22 Chevrolet for one final test session, mingle with fans and plot race strategy. On Sunday, he would chase a second straight Indianapolis 500 victory.

Instead, he is spending the Memorial Day weekend quietly at home, far away from deafening engines and roaring crowds. He talks about the future — IndyCar's season opener in Texas on June 6, the series' first July race at the Brickyard, the COVID-19 pandemic that caused this chaos — and his hope that the rescheduled 500 weekend in August proves to be as festive and fun as he expected.

"It really hit me on qualifying weekend. It was my birthday," Pagenaud said on a Zoom call Friday. "It was really strange — no stress, no anxiety but I was missing something that was very dear to my heart. It's just the best feeling in racing that day, and I look forward to it every year. Was this also Car Day, I was thinking 'Wow, we'd be doing this or that and pretty soon we'd be racing.' So it's definitely strange."

It's been anything but business as usual for IndyCar. From revised travel plans to virtual racing, everyone has scrambled to find their place. Fans just might park around Indianapolis Motor Speedway this weekend and celebrate their annual traditions anyway.

Even Will Power, the 2018 Indy winner, finds himself in a dif-



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

**Simon Pagenaud of France, celebrates by pouring milk on himself after winning the Indianapolis 500 IndyCar race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 26, 2019. The milk given to winners in Victory Lane dates to 1936, when Louis Meyer professed to drink it to refresh himself on hot days. Pagenaud said this weekend has been strange without the usual Indy 500 rituals.**

**"I was missing something that was very dear to my heart."**

**IndyCar driver Simon Pagenaud**  
on not racing this weekend at the Indy 500

ferent role — watching his wife, Elizabeth, compete in Saturday's Better-Half Invitational. Created by James Hinchliffe, it will pit 17

partners of IndyCar drivers in an online race that includes two practice sessions and a qualifying run.

All of it helps because drivers are coping with a seemingly endless offseason.

"I haven't even kept an eye on the date," said Power. Pagenaud's teammate for Team Penske. "I didn't even realize it was May. North Carolina is nice in May, but it's the first time I've seen North Carolina in May. I hope I don't have to see it again in May for like another 10 years."

Pagenaud, the first French winner of the 500 in more than a century, hasn't even been able to savor the spoils of being the defending champion.

Instead of spending the month of May in the media spotlight, he's simply tried to stay fit, fine-tune his racing skills on simulators and reflect on what May could have been.

"To be honest, it's not the driving itself," Pagenaud said when asked what he missed most about Car Day. "It's the crowd coming to the track, seeing the buildup before the race. We usually get to meet some kids from school as well. It's just fun."

Perhaps it will be that way this summer ahead of the Aug. 23 race.

Boles and series officials said they hope fans will return then, even if the crowd is significantly smaller than the usual 270,000-plus that make the 500 the world's largest single-day sporting event.

So for now, they're slowing down.

"Usually in May you never get home because you'd be flat out at the speedway all the time and it's a very intense time," said Takuma Sato, who became the first Japanese race winner in 2017. "This is very weird, a very strange feeling."

Those feelings will go away. Racing will be back and so will the 500.

"It's been a very interesting two weeks, I must say. Never been home for the month of May in recent years," Pagenaud said. "You know where we'd like to be, but it is what it is."

AP Auto Racing Writer Jenna Fryer also contributed to this report.

# Officials worry about impact of delayed Indy 500

Associated Press

**INDIANAPOLIS** — The postponement of the Indianapolis 500 from Memorial Day weekend until late August because of the coronavirus pandemic has created a "void" for businesses near the Indianapolis Motor Speedway that rely on spending by race fans and tourists, local officials said.

Connie Harris, executive director of the Greater Speedway Area Chamber of Commerce, said May is usually a busy month for restaurants and businesses in the Marion County town of Speedway, which sees its population jump from about 12,000 residents to more than 200,000 during race weekend.

But Chris Gahl, Visit Indy's senior vice president for marketing and communications, told The Indianapolis Star that this year's race delay until Aug. 23 will hurt businesses during what is normally their most profitable time of the year.

"Not having that is certainly a void that we will feel from an economic impact standpoint. It's fair to say it's hundreds of millions of dollars in economic impact and that's very conservatively estimated," said

Gahl, who added that Visit Indy doesn't track the event's fiscal impact.

"Their decision to postpone the Indy 500 past the Memorial Day weekend was a smart decision," Gahl said. "We know now that just wouldn't be healthy this weekend to take place in a meaningful way."

The Indy 500 has taken place on the Sunday before Memorial Day every year since 1974. Tourism and government officials said they are hoping that the rescheduled date will draw similarly sized crowds as the May race.

Kelly Buck, spokeswoman for the town of Speedway, said the community has united to ensure that local businesses are still operating in August.

The COVID-19 outbreak nearly brought the U.S. economy to a halt, as Indiana joined other states in enacting stay-at-home directives by limiting large gatherings and closing nonessential businesses to stem the virus's spread. Saturday, the eve of what would have been the 104th Indy 500, the Indiana National Guardsmen helped out at the Speedway as it was the site of a mobile food bank.



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

**Indiana National Guardsmen direct cars into the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Saturday for a mobile food distribution event. Guardians Food Bank of Indiana expected to distribute boxes of fresh produce, lean meat, and dairy to more than 5,000 people.**



## SPORTS



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## COMMENTARY



Regular-season dominance



Deep playoff runs



Win a Championship

## Sloan wasn't only coaching great to fall short of title

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
Associated Press

**J**erry Sloan was undoubtedly one of the greatest coaches in NBA history.

Yet there's one glaring omission on an otherwise stellar resume.

A championship.

Sloan, who died Friday at age 78, isn't the only coaching guru lacking a trip to a title. Let's take a look at the 10 best coaches and managers who failed to win a title in America's biggest sports:

**10. George Karl:** The sixth-most wins in NBA history, but he struggled mightily in the postseason. Karl's teams lost in the opening round a staggering 14 times over 27 seasons. His best shot at a championship came in 1996, when he guided the Seattle SuperSonics to his lone NBA Finals. In an unfortunate bit of timing, Karl had to face one of the greatest teams ever, the 72-win Chi-

cago Bulls led by Michael Jordan.

**9. Billy Reay:** Fortunate enough to take over a Chicago Blackhawks team that featured four future Hall of Famers (Bobby Hull, Stan Mikita, Glenn Hall and Pierre Pilote), Reay reached the Stanley Cup Finals in 1964, only to lose to Montreal in seven games. That was a precursor of two more heartbreaking losses to the Canadiens, most notably a Game 7 setback in 1971 when the Blackhawks squandered a 2-0 lead midway through the second period at Chicago Stadium.

**8. Marty Schottenheimer:** One of just seven coaches with 200 regular-season wins, his career was marred by a jarring string of post-season flops. As coach of the Cleveland Browns, he lost back-to-back heartbreakers to the Denver Broncos in the AFC championship game — one to “The Drive,” the other on “The Fumble.” With the Kansas City Chiefs, he lost again in the AFC

championship and fell at home two others times as the conference's No. 1 seed. Criticized for his conservative style, Schottenheimer's play-off record (5-13) stands in striking contrast to his regular-season mark (200-126-1).

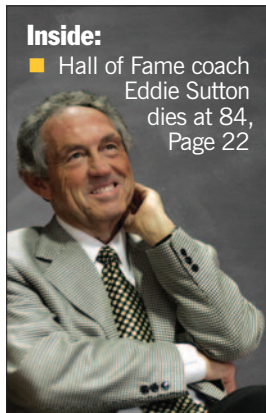
**7. Pat Quinn:** As a second-year coach in 1980, he guided Philadelphia to the NHL's best record and the Stanley Cup Finals. But the Flyers were upset by the New York Islanders, losing on Bobby Nystrom's series-ending overtime goal. The Islanders went on to claim four straight titles, while Quinn only made it back to the finals one more time over his 20 years as a coach. In 1994 with the Vancouver Canucks, he lost to another New York team in seven games as the Rangers ended their 54-year championship drought.

**6. Don Nelson:** Nelson won more games than any other coach in NBA

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